

# DEMONSTRATION

through the

ETERNALL SPIRIT

of the

HEAVENLY GIFT,

And Visitation wherewith God visited  
his, (by pouring forth of his Spirit upon them,  
giving of them the knowledge of himself,  
and of his waves) before the Jewish  
APOSTACY.

Jewish Apostacy.

Also of the

Visitation again by Christ Jesus, ac-  
cording to the promise of God, spo-  
ken by the Prophets before the  
Christian Apostacy.

Christian Apostacy, beginning in the  
Apostles dayes, and continuing to  
this day.

Witnessing according to the Prophecies of Christ,  
that false prophets, Antichrist, and Deceivers  
are come into the World; and when, and how,  
all manifest by their fruits, (according to the  
Scriptures of the Old and New Testament) to  
be in the Apostacy.

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# EPISTLE TO THE READER.

**E** *Very good and perfect Gift comes from above, from the Father of spirits, and of Lights, who is the God of the spirits of all flesh, in whose hand the life, and breath, and souls of all living is; and this is he, who hath in all Ages poured forth his spirit upon his, that by it they might be drawn into obedience to his will, and have the truth made known unto them, and be led into all Truth; where the comfort, peace, and refreshing stands, and the acceptance with God: and here in this Book is demonstrated the universal love of God to all men, and the pouring forth of the spirit of Grace upon the Jews and the true Prophets amongst their tribes; which gave them Light and Knowledge, and an understanding in those things which God requi-*

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red the people to obey : which while the Gift of the Spirit was stood in, they were accepted in what they did: but the Gift of the spirit being departed from, then all they did was abomination, and all in the Apostacy, both Rulers, Priests, Prophets, and Teachers, who were manifest by their fruits, and declared against by the true Prophets, who held their integrity, and did not fall from the holy spirit, which God gave unto them, by which they reprov'd all that the other, both teachers and people did, both in Worship, Doctrine and performances, being all Apostatized from the life, and with the life were comprehended, & judged. Herein is likewise shown briefly the coming of the Son of man, who is Lord from heaven, a quickening spirit, the eternal Saviour of the World, according as was written of him in the Law, and the prophets ; so did he come, the Covenant of God, and light of the Gentiles, to enlighten every one that cometh into the world, who by his light manifest those things that are reprovab, amongst the Gentiles and Jews both, and redeemed them who believed, out of those things which are reprovab

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provable, and preached himself, life to them that did believe in his Name, and obeyed him, and condemnation to all who did not believe and obey him: and he went on in the power of his Father, and performed his Will; and the Will of God prospered in his hands; for he gathered his Disciples into the faith, and obedience, and into the waiting to receive the power from on high, and the holy Gift, which he sent to them, and erected in their hearts, which wrought so mightily, that it made them able Ministers of the Spirit, and of the word of Reconciliation, by which they turned many from darkness to the light, and from Satans power unto God; and gave them the remission of their sins, and a part in the Inheritance amongst them that are sanctified by faith in God; so into the faith in Christ the true light who enlighteneth every one that cometh into the World, the Apostles gathered many people who came into that love & obedience, which made them of one heart, mind and spirit, and to love God, & to keep his Comandments; and these were called Churches, in the severall parts of the World, where they were gathered  
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into God, and these came to the knowledge of the spirit, and grew up in the obedience, unto a good measure of Glory and Renown, having the Lambs Wife, beautified with them, and restored to her Glory and dignity, as is declared.

Likewise herein is truly demonstrated through the Eternal Spirit of the coming in of Antichrist, and False Prophets, and Deceivers, as Christ prophesied, who began to come in the Apostles days, and which John saw come, and Peter and Paul, and discovered them by their fruits, as Christ had said, by their fruits ye shall know them, and by their fruits they were discovered and laid open, and manifest to be contrary to the true Prophets, Christ and his Apostles, as is herein manifest all along by the Scriptures of truth, and the good & wholesom words of the spirit; which discovers how the Christian Apostacy did arise, when men erred from the Light, Grace, and Gift of the spirit, which is given to every man a measure to profit withall, and how it increased and grew to an head, and how the false Church came in, when the true Church

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Church fled into the Wilderness, and the man-child caught up to God. & the witnesses slain, and the Saints martyred, and killed by the Dragon, who was cast out from Heaven; and the beast which rose out of the Earth, and the Sea, upon which the false Church sits, which so far prevailed, that it continues to this day, and the false Teachers, and false Prophets, Antichrists and Deceivers, which deceives them that dwell upon the Earth, all manifest by their fruits, according to the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament, which manifests that the Teachers of our age, are paralel with the Deceivers and false Prophets, and false Teachers in the Jewish Apostacy, and Christian Apostacy both; who were all declared against by the True prophets, Christ and his Apostles, and manifest by their fruits that in-fallible mark which Christ said we should know them by, by their fruits ye shall know them. So Reader I counsel and advise thee, if thou readeest this book to mind seriousness, and a sound mind, and staidness, that thou mayest know the true Light in thy self, which Christ hath enlightned thee withal, and eve-

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ry one that cometh into the Word, which as thou comes to know and believe in, it will open thy heart, and understanding, and give thee to read with a sound mind, and seriousness, and not to let the Truth pass by, and regard it no more than a tale that is told, or a dream which cannot profit ; but to read, and hear, and understand, that thou mayest be profited thereby, and have knowledge encreased, that thou mayest come to the Knowledge of the heavenly Gift in thy self, and in the faith, and obedience of it, to grow faithful in good works, in Love, and Righteousness, which are the fruits of the spirit ; and then thou wilt answer the desire of him who seeks the eternal good and well-being of all Souls ; and Labours through the Spirit to bring many into Peace and Covenant with God, through which spirit, I was Constrained to write these following things, for the yet further manifesting of the Eternal and Living Truth, which never Changes, waxeth Old, nor Decays.

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*A Demonstration through the Eternal Spirit,  
of the heavenly Gift, and Visitation where-  
with God visited his (by pouring forth of  
his Spirit upon them, giving of them the  
knowledge of himself and of his wayes be-  
fore the Jewish Apostacy.*

**S** Ince Man transgressed and lost the  
knowledge of God; God hath  
visited Man for his own Seeds  
sake; and in the visitation of his  
love, through the day which is  
sprung from on high, he hath poured  
forth of the spirit of grace, and given his  
*holy Gift* unto man to turn him back again  
from transgression to serve the living  
God; and by this Gift which causeth  
man to do righteousness, hath the Lord  
given unto his servants the prophets of  
old, the knowledge of himself and of his  
wayes, and of his fear; and when they  
first received and accepted of the *holy gift*,  
then they came to see themselves and to  
be sensible of their own weaknesse, and  
infirmities, and then the sighs and groa-  
nings did arise, and the breathings and  
pantings after God, and the knowledge

Luke 11.  
Psal. 68.  
18, 19.  
Rom. 5.  
15, 16, 17.  
Cap 8. 10.  
Job 32. 8.

Psal. 3. 2  
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*Of the heavenly Gift*

Rom. 8.  
26, 27.

Zac. 7.12.

Mica 4.19.

of his wayes, and these God heard, and poured forth upon them the spirit of prayer and supplication, through which they made intercession unto God with groanings and strong cryings, which God heard and answered, for he knoweth the mind of the Spirit, and stoppeth not his ear from the prayers and supplications of his own; so through the cryings of the Spirit of his Grace, and supplicating which he poured forth upon them, the Lord heard and answered, and made known himself unto them, and gave them of the abundance of his Spirit; so that, though at the first receiving of the *holy Gift*, and accepting it in themselves, they knew little, being weak and filled with infirmities, yet through obedience to the gift, they received strength to the overcoming their own weaknesse, and infirmities and sins; for the gift of God worketh mightily for the overcoming sins and subduing iniquities, where it is believed in and obeyed, and will not cease to work, until it hath brought forth righteousness, and subdued the power of death and hell, and wrought the creature into sanctification and holiness, and into the knowledge of the inspiration of God.



*before the Jewish Apostacy.*

God ; and through this *holy Gift* and Spirit of Grace, which God poured forth upon his servants in the day that sprung from on high, they came to know the things that concerned their peace, and grew up in them ; so the life having its freedom and liberty to work through them, it waxed so great, and grew so fast, that it could not contain it self in that particular work, of shewing of the servants of the Lord, the Lords requirings for their own obedience, and the things which belonged to their own peace ; but it gave them a sense and feeling of others conditions, and raised up the knowledge of those things which God required of others to do ; and moved in them through the inspiration of the Almighty, to speak forth those things to others which God required of them, and hereby knowledge began to increase, and the door of true preaching came to be opened, and Teachers sent forth from God ; so the *holy Gift*, when it had wrought the Saints into holiness, did not cease its working, though that was wrought out, which it wrought against in the particular, yet it inspired them to declare against that in the whole world, which it is against, even

Ezek. 39.

29.

Col. 1. 29

Job 3. 18.

2 Tim. 3.

16.

against that principle which leads Man and Woman to do wickedly ; so the Gift did not cease , though by it they were made holy ; but opened in them the understanding of the knowledge of God, in which they received the Visions, Prophecies and Revelations , and had the Laws, Statutes, Ordinances and Commands of God made known to them, which they declared as the requirings of God unto others. So through the heavenly Gift, which was not bestowed upon them in vain, they came not onely to know it working in them, to the purifying and cleaning them, and making them holy, but to know their daily exercise in it, to the fulfilling of the requirings of God in their own particulars, and making his Will known to others, that others might come unto the same, and grow in favour with God ; so this

*holy Gift* is the very door and entrance into true teaching and preaching of righteousness, for this is it alone which turneth many from iniquity to righteousness; for through this *holy Gift* the power of the endless life works, which calleth into the work of God, and maketh Ministers of righteousness, and layeth a necessity upon

A&S 1.

1 Cor. 10.

Ephes. 3.

1 Cor. 9.

16. 17.

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on many to preach forth the Truth in the World, who cannot have peace if they do it not, and through this the Ministry of the truth reacheth to the witness of God in all Consciences, and awakens it, and stirs up the Creature to obedience, and love unto the Lord: So through this Gift in all ages, God hath visited his own seed with the knowledge of himself, and through this spirit of the Grace which God poured forth upon his servants the prophets, they received his requirings for themselves and others, shewing unto others the way of life and obedience: So they preaching the Law, Statutes and Ordinances unto the people, and that of God in the people answering the truth, and being reach'd unto gave obedience unto the people, and stirred up the fear of the Lord in their hearts, and such a minde as could submit to do the Will of God, and to obey what the Lord did require in pure love unto him, and then that of God stirring in the people, awakened the fervency of desires after God, and bringeth the Creature to be weary of sinning, and to cry out unto God for deliverance from their bondage and oppression, and this God

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heareth

heareth, and this God answereth; for unto this doth the Visitation of God reach in life and vertue, and in loving kindness and mercy, and the cryings of this causeth God to remember the multitude of his mercies, and to visit his Seed with life, and the dropping down of his love as the small rain, and the distilling drops of dew, that the heart of Man and woman becoms mollified & tendred unto the living God; so people having the truth declared in the *holy Gift* which reaches to that of God in all their Consciences, they loving it, then they come into obedience and favour with God, and into nearness and acceptance with God; so all obedience which can be accepted, it must be by the requirings of the *Gift*, and according to that of God which worketh into tenderness, and love, and fear, and humility; for Israel of old being reach'd unto by this *holy Gift*, then they had a sense of their bondage and sufferings, and cried unto the Lord through the multitude of their oppressions, and the Lord heard and answered them, and delivered them by the hand of his Servant *Moses*, by whom he gave unto them Laws, Statutes and Ordinances which they were

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were to obey, and which they submitted unto, then God was with them as a mighty defence fighting against them which opposed them, and appearing and enemy to their enemies.

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*Of the Jewish Apostacy from the  
heavenly Gift.*

**B**Ut when they turned aside from his *holy Gift*, then they provoked God and tempted him, and soon forgot God their Saviour, and rebelled against the Rock of the whole World, provoking the Lord to jealousy, not remembering the wonders which he did in the Land of *Ham*, and the mighty deeds which his hand wrought in the day when he brought them out of bondage, when he divided the Sea, and made the waters stand on heaps, & overthrew the mighty by his power, yet they forgot him, and provoked him to jealousy, that his wrath burnt like fire, to the consuming thousands, and ten thousands, yet afterwards the Lord renewed his favour to them again who remained, and were not destroyed in the fierceness of his wrath, and

*Psalms 78.*

N:h.9.20.

gave unto them Laws, Statutes and Ordinances, and Commandments to obey, which while they minded the *holy Gift*, and submitted to the Will of God, they were accepted, and it was not the Law, Statute or Ordinance which could justify them, but they having faith and unity with the Gift of God, which gave them to obey, that justified them which reconciled them to God, and brought into unity with that by which the Laws, Statutes and Ordinances came which they were required to obey, and therein stood their acceptance, but they turning from the *holy Gift*, as its written, God gave them of his good spirit to sustain them, but they rebelled against it, then they cast the Law behind their backs, and rebelled against his Statutes and Ordinances; then God forsook them; then in those dayes after they had received Laws Statutes and Ordinances, and the *holy Gift*, which gave them power to obey, they turned from the *Gift*, they turned from the obedience, and from that life in which they were accepted while they did obey; then arose such as could but talk of the Law, Statutes and Ordinances, being apostatized from the *holy Gift*, these

these could speak of the Law, Statutes and Ordinances, and gather into the form of them; and this is the first door that let in Apostacy, their going from the life, and the first falling away of the Jews from the Law, and violating of the Ordinances, and the Priests grew in wickedness and covetousness, and corrupted their Offices, and robbed God in Tithes and Offerings, and took that to themselves which belonged properly to God, and so defiled the holy things; and their preachers became preachers of lies, for pieces of bread and handfuls of barley, then they being wicked, they had nothing to do with Gods Law, and to declare his Statutes and Ordinances; mark then though they drew near unto God with their mouths, and honoured him with their lips, and their hearts far from God, they being erred from his holy Gift, then God cried, *Who hath required it at your hands to tread my Courts, away with your new Moons, and your Sabbaths, and your Solemn Assemblies, I cannot away with them, my soul loatheth them, they are a trouble unto me, I am weary to bear them.* So then they being erred from the life and Spirit of God in themselves, though they had

Mal. 3:

Z. ph. 3 4

Ezek. 13

19.

Isaiah 52.

16.

Isa. 29 13.

Isa. 1.



Isa 58.

had the form of that which God ordained, and therein drew near, as if they were a people that delighted in righteousness and in the knowledge of God, yet from the gift they were apostatized, and could not be accepted of God; and in this Apostacy from the life of God and from the *holy Gift*, did the people of the *Jews* abide (and as I may justly say are to this day) so in their Apostacy they held up the outward form of the Law, and Ordinances and Worship and Temple, setting up those things as righteousness, while they were erred from the inward life, in which they should have been performed; So the prophets as they were raised up by the *Gift of God*, declared against the things which the Apostate *Jews* did as righteousness to be as the greatest evils, *he that killeth an Ox as if he slew a man, he that sacrifices a Lamb as if he cut off a dogs neck, and he that burneth Incense as if he blessed an Idol, and he that offered an Oblation as if he offered swines blood; and David said Sacrifice and Offerings thou wouldst not, but a body thou hast prepared me, and lo I come, as it is written in the volumne of the book to do thy will O God, for thy Law*

Isa. 66.

Psalm 40.



*from the heavenly Gift.*

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in my heart; now mark David sees beyond the state of the Jewish Apostacy, and the outward Law and Ordinances, Heb. 10: which were imposed until the Seed Heb. 9.10: should come, and he sees the Seed which doth the Will of God in which the acceptance is, and this is beyond the Jewish Apostacy, and their Offerings and Sacrifices, and Worshippings from the Letter which they set up as their righteousness, while they were turned aside from the *holy Gift*, and had gotten the Law and their obedience and performances into that which transgressed, and drew the heart from God; so as the prophets were raised up in the *Gift of God*, and the spirit of his grace they shewed forth their obedience unto God, in declaring against the sins of the people, and were against their abusing the Law, and also against their performances of Worship and Ordinances, declaring against that which the Apostates accounted their righteousness to be accepted for as their greatest sins; so though the Apostates had the Law and the Ordinances of Divine Service, yet losing the knowledge of the spirit of grace, and wisdom, and the fear of the Lord, all they

they did was abomination; so he that sacrificed a Lamb, being out of the gift as if he killed a man, and he that burnt Incense and cut off a dogs neck, and offered an Oblation and swines blood all alike; for then the abomination was got into the holy place, which made them desolate, and left no room for that in which the life stands, wherein the acceptance is, and by which man is accepted of God; so as the prophets and servants of God did arise, and were raised up through the working of the Gift, and mighty power of God, they prophesied of the Gift to come upon others, and of the Righteous One to come from on high to bring a blessing to his own Seed among the *Jews* and *Gentiles*, and that God would cause a Righteous Branch to spring out of the Root of *Jesse*, That a man might sit upon the Throne of *David*, and have his Throne established as the daves of heaven, and his Scepter that which should never pass away; for he should raise up the tabernacle of *David*, and give to inherit the waste places, and raise up the foundation of many generations, and restore the path to dwell in, that he may judge

the cause of the meek of the earth in  
mercifulness, and rid the oppressed out  
of the hands of them that sought their  
hurt; Now mark, *David* and the *Pro-*  
*phets*, they saw that through the *holy*  
*spirit* which is beyond the Law, and the  
*works* Apostacy from the Law and the  
ordinances, and the *Jews* worship,  
which the Seed is the end of, for *Daniel*  
prophefied of the *Messiah* to come, to si-  
nify sin, and take away iniquity, and  
cause the daily offerings to cease; for  
the offerings were but as sacrifices for  
sin, which the seed coming which takes  
away the sin, there is no more need of  
sacrifice for sin, no need of offering  
rams and Bullocks, with oil and fine  
flour, for a peace-offering and a sweet  
savour unto God, for he maketh peace  
by offering up himself, and maketh man  
of sweet savour unto God, and more ac-  
ceptable than all outward offerings; and  
there is no more need of a Ram to be  
offered for the wrong done to the neigh-  
bour, or for lying to defraud him of his  
right, for the Son of God teacheth all  
men to speak every man truth to his  
neighbour, and to do good unto every  
man, as they would be done unto, speak-  
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Dan. 9.

Levit. 6.

ing the truth in yea and nay, wronging  
 no man; so that that part is crucified  
 the Cross which did those things that  
 Ram is to be offered up for as a  
 pass-offering, and there is no more need  
 of sin-offerings, for he destroys the sin  
 and takes it away through the offering  
 up himself, and gives the peace, and  
 brings us into the peace, through the  
 taking away the sins, and the offering  
 of his soul to death, and that in man  
 which the Ram-goat, Heifer and Black  
 lamb signifies he offereth up unto  
 death of the Cross, and through his  
 gift worketh man into that obedience  
 where he giveth all both ninth and  
 tenth and his whole substance to  
 the Lord, and himself too, offering all  
 as one entire sacrifice to the Lord,  
*the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof*  
*of*: but the Jews in their Apostacy kept  
 in the earth the nine parts, and the  
 Priests robbed God of the tenth; so  
 the true Prophets, who saw through  
 these Ordinances, which were imposed  
 until the seed should come, and in  
 the time of Restoration, they had  
 great work to cry against the Errors  
 both of Rulers, Priests and People

that the work was greater to bring people to the knowledge of God then, than it was before the people had received the Law ; for while they had not received the Law nor ordinances, they were still crying unto God from time to time, and as he poured forth the spirit of his grace, they were fastned thereby; but after they had received the Law, and set up priests, and a way of Worship and Ordinances amongst themselves, then they stopped their ears, and hardned their hearts against the teachings of the spirit of Grace, and heard that no more, *for they had ears and heard not, and eyes and saw not, for they had stopped their ears, and closed their eyes least hearing with their ears, and seeing with their eyes they should be converted and healed ; but their hearts were waxen gross;* so in their Apostacy from the life and spirit of God, they held up the Worship, Temple and Ordinances, and cried out *The Temple of the Lord, the Temple of the Lord,* and cried up the Ordinances and the Law of Moses, and the Worship which he prescribed, though they were Apostatized from the spirit and life in which they should have fulfilled these

Isa 29. 10.  
Rom 11. 8  
Mat. 13.  
14, 15.

these things and have been accepted; so the outward form of the Law, Worship and Ordinances they set up before the life, all which things stood in the oldness of the Letter, which they getting them into that part which transgressed, they became a curse unto them, and their great abominations; so they being Apostatized, that is, fallen away from the *Gift of the holy Spirit*, and the knowledge of it in themselves, they knew it not in the true Prophets; for they knew not the voice of their own Prophets, which God raised up unto them, while they were in the Apostacy, to prophesie of the coming of the Just One, and to declare against their dead handy works and Worship which they exercised themselves in, in the same mind and nature, and with the same spirit which led them to transgress; so amongst the *Jews* in their Apostacy there arose the false prophets, and false priests, holding up, and criving up Ordinances, Worships & Sacrifices, while they were all erred, and grown stiff-necked, and uncircumcised in heart and ears, and all gone out of the way, the Prophets prophesying lyes, and the Priests living in prophaneness, and preach-

preaching for hire, and money, and gifts  
and rewards, all which the true Prophets  
cried against, but the false prophets  
and priests joyning with the Apostate  
*Jewes*, they got to bear rule by  
their means, and quatters to seek their  
gain from, and Rulers that were as a  
briar thorne, & the most upright of them  
as a thorne hedge, they upheld them and  
persecuted the true Prophets, so in the  
Apostacy the false prophets prophesied  
in *Baal*, and sought to make the people  
forget the Name of the Lord, and  
this way they grew great and honourable  
among the Apostate Kings and Rulers,  
and could then sit at *Jezabels* table,  
and could speak peace to all workers of  
iniquity, while they put into their  
mouths; but if they came to see their evil,  
and could no longer put into their  
mouths, then they prepared war against  
them, and complained to the Rulers,  
with whom they were great, being Apostatized  
with them, and some of the true Prophets  
and Saints they got killed, and some stoned,  
and some scourged in their Synagogues,  
and cast into prisons and dungeons, and some  
hewen assunder, and driven into many tortures

*Isa. 56. 11.*

*Heb. 11.*

Jer 5.31.  
Ezek 34.

times and distresses, and yet would they say let the Lord be glorified; so these Apostate Prophets and false priests, they made it their work to please the Rulers and people in the Apostacy, that they might have them on their side, then they bear Rule by their means, and sought for their gain from their quarters, and fed with the fat, and clothed with the wool, and preached for hire and divined for money, and yet could perswade people that they leaned upon the Lord, when as they were departed from the Lord, and had erred from his *holy Gift*, by speaking lies and prophecying falsely, and pleasing the powers of the earth, that they might uphold them, to preach for hire and divine for money, and to prophecy falsely, and bear Rule by their means, and seek for their gain from their quarters, and feed with the fat, and cloath with the wool, and make a prey upon the people; so that these being Apostatized, they like subtile Foxes get their holes in the earth, and spoils the tender grapes; who being erred from the life and power in which the Fathers received the Law, by the disposition of Angels, in the hand of a Mediator, and the



the lively oracles of God; they were doing upon the Letter, and Sacrifices and Ordinances, Temple and Worship, which they held up in the oldness of the Letter, from which God was departed; so after God was departed from those things, the false prophets and false teachers cried them up as Ordinances, and preached them up for hire, and for their gain from their quarters, and for the Fleece and Wool, and fat of the Flocks; then came up the beginning of that grievous abomination of preaching for hire, and divining for money, and crying up Ordinances, Worship, Temple and Sacrifices for self-ends, and the priests bearing Rule by their means, who could force the people to what they pleased; and all these abominations were in the Apostacy from the life of God, in the ravening from the life, in the time when the *Jews* had fallen away from the Covenant of God, and from that Spirit by which they should have kept the Law in its purity; so all those things, that preaching for hire and divining for money, and fleece, and wool, and fat, and best, had their beginning in the Apostacy of the *Jews* when the false prophets

Jer 31.

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rise,

rise, contrary to *Moses's* example, who received the Law freely of God, and gave it freely to the people, and though by the Law the people were to sacrifice unto the Lord, yet not of that which could properly be called theirs, for mark, when they were entered into the Land of promise and of rest, possessing the Land which the Lord sware unto their Fathers, and when they possessed houses which they did not build, and vineyards, which neither they nor their Fathers planted, and corn fields which they had not tilled, and flocks and herds which they had not kept nor laboured for, then after three years they should perform all the sacrifices and offerings which God commanded by *Moses*, and when they were entered into the Land, which the Lord God gave unto them to possesse it, as he swore unto the Fathers, then they were to worship the God of *Israel*, and the priests and Levites were to do the service in the worship, who were not to preach for hire, yet were provided for according to their lot, to have their part from their Brethren, even the tenth of all the increase, and that for that cause, no land being divided out

to them, according to the Lot of the other Tribes, yet, they abiding in the other Tribes, had their Inheritance wrapt up amongst them, and being the Lords Ministers in holy things, were to live of the holy things, and to have their part of the Tithes, the tenth of which they were to offer unto God, and the rest were to be gathered into a store-house, that the widows, fatherless and stranger that travelled in the Land, might turn in thither and be satisfied, *that there might be no begger in Israel, Deut. 14.* but in the Jewish Apostacy the priests, prophets and teachers which were set up amongst them grew greedy, as the beasts of the night, and waited for the prey; and against these the true prophets had much to do, and declared against them, and against their abominable works; for *Isaiah* declared of the watch-men of Israel, *his watch-men are blind, they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark, sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber, yea, they are greedy dogs, which never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand, they look all to their own way, every one for his gain from his quarter.* And *Jeremiah* declared

Numb. 18,  
26.

Mal 3. 8, 9

Isaiah 56.

clared against the priests and prophets in the Jewish Apostacy who were committing a filthy and horrible thing in the Land, the Prophets prophesying falsely, and the Priests hearing rule by their means, and the people loved to have it so, (like priests, like people) but what shall the end of these things be; and prophane-ness

Jer. 23. was gone from the prophets of Jerusalem into all Lands, and they were to the true prophet as Sodom, and as the Inhabitants of Gomorah, speaking lies, and living in lightness, making the people light and vain, who being erred from the Counsel of God, ran and the Lord never sent them; and therefore could not profit the people at all; I am against the Prophets, saith the Lord; that use their tongues, and say he saith, when as I never spake to them. I am against the Prophets that steals every man his word from his neighbour, and that tell their false dreams; And

Ezek. 13. Ezekiel declared plentifully against the  
18. &c. Apostate prophets, and priests, who cried peace to the Wicked, and justified the Ungodly for a thing of nought, keeping the soul alive that should have dyed, and destroying the souls that should have lived; these were

Ezek. 22. in confusion, one building a Wall, and the  
Chap. 34. other

other daubing it with untempered mortar, who caused the people to wander in the dark and cloudy day from mountain to hill, making a prey upon them; feeding themselves and not the flock, but killing those that were fed; and turned the blind & the lame out of the way, that they might perish, while they themselves, cloathed with the wool, and made a prey upon the people. And Zephany said her prophets are light and treacherous persons, her Priests have polluted the Sanctuary, they have done violence to the Law. And Hosea saw and declared against the greediness of the priests, and gave his testimony against them, who as a company of robbers waiteth for a man, so do the Priests murder in the way by consent, they commit lewdnesse. And Mica declares against them, for they caused the people to erre, and bit with their teeth, and cryed peace, peace, but if they put not into their mouths, then they even prepare war against them; and these were priests and prophets to them whose princes and heads perverted all equity and abhorred judgement, ye build up Sion with blood and Ferusalem with iniquity; the heads thereof judge for reward, and the Priests thereof teach for hire, and

Zeph 3 4.

Hof. 6. 9.

Mic. 3 5.  
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Mal 3.8 9.  
Chap. 2.

Mat. 23.

Mat. 15.6

the Prophets thereof divine for money, yet they will lean upon the Lord, and say, is not the Lord amongst us, none evil shall come upon us; therefore shall Sion for your sakes be ploughed as a field, and Jerusalem become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of the Forest. And unto Malachi's dayes this Apostacy of the priests remained, for they were so greedy, that they robbed God in Tithes and in Offerings, therefore God gave a Commandment to them, that if they would not hear and repent, God would curse their blessings, and spread the dung of their Synagogs Assemblies on their faces, and men should carry them away, Mal. 2. And this Apostacy yet continued until Christ came; for when Christ came he witnessed against their wayes, and cryed woe unto them, for they were as whited walls, and painted sepulchres, crving up Worship, and Law, and Ordinances, and Temple, and Service of God, and all gone astray, and erred from the holy Gift, and then were got into commandments of men, and Tradition and Ceremonies, which were not the Law, nor the Ordinances of God, but by those things they made the Comandments of God of none effect, and

and were making clean the out side, and washing hands, cup and platter, while within, in their hearts, they were full of rottenness, excess, and extortion, and hypocrisie, continuing in the way of their forefathers, the false prophets, laying heavy burthens upon the people, grievous to be born, not touching them with one of their fingers; and these grew in honour and esteem amongst the people, being called *Masters*, and walking in long Robes, and set up in the upmost Rooms at feasts, and had the greetings in the market places, and the chief seats in the Synagogues, making long prayers, to devour widows houses, these should receive the greater damnation; who were the children of them that killed the prophets, and stoned them that were sent of God, to testifie of the coming of the Just One; and these were such as garnished the sepulchres of the prophets, whom their fathers had killed; whose fathers persecuted the prophets, and stoned them that were sent of God; For in *Elijahs* daies they digged down the Altars, and killed them that God sent, for he makes complaint against them, saying, *Lord they have digged*  
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1 Kings  
18, 19.

ged down thine Altars, and killed thy Prophets, and I onely am left alone, and they seek my life to take it away, and he was forc'd to flee for his life, though the false prophets and priests were great in the Kingdom, and fed at Jezebels Table.

1 Kings  
22, 24, 26.

And Micajah was smitten on the face because he spake the Word of the Lord, not therein agreeing with the false prophets, who were great in favour with the King, but poor Micajah was hated, and cast into prison, to be fed with the bred of affliction, and the water of affliction.

Jer. 37. &  
38. chap.

And Jeremiah was set in the stocks, and in the miery dungion, and his life sought to be made a prey upon, and the rest of the prophets they shamefully entreated, and stoned and put to death; and so they being all this while, both priests, Rulers, Teachers and people, in the Apostacy, erred from the Gift of God; that is fulfilled upon them which is written in the prophets; they that were once the Vineyard of the Lord and planted with the choicest vine, and digged, and a Tower of defence set in the midst of them, and an hedge round about them; but they erring from the vertue of the life, which should have

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given them vertue to bring forth the pleasant fruits, they have brought forth wilde fruits, as before is declared; and their Tower is fallen, and the vine become dried, and the hedge taken away, that they have been a prey to all the beasts of the field, and the burthen of the beasts of the South is upon them, and the beasts of prey which have ranged forth in the darkness of the night hath taken up their dwelling places; so that they are become cruel as the Ostriges in the wilderness, and that is fulfilled upon them, which is written in the prophets, Behold ye despisers and wonder and perish, I work a work in your dayes, which yee shall in no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you; who when they had shamefully entreated the servants, and killed them, whom the Lord of the Vineyard sent to seek for fruits, then the Lord sent the Son, the Heir, whom they with wicked hands caught and hanged on a tree, and crucified the Lord of life, the Lord of Glory; accusing him not to be of God, because he walked not in their Traditions, Rites and Ceremonies, and Ordinances which they were crying up in the Apostacy, being erred from the spirit.

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Acts 13<sup>7</sup>  
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So all along, the self-seeking, greedy priests, and Rulers, set up their Traditions and Ordinances above the life, in their Apostacy, killing, murdering, and persecuting them which witnessed against them, and their traditions, who were all erred, and all gone out of the way, and departed from the Living God, and from his Holy Gift, and the Spirit of his Grace, which he poured down upon the True Prophets and Ministers that walked with God, nor seeking themselves, nor the Honour, Riches, nor Favour of this World, unto whom Christ witnessed when he came, and was a witnesse against all the Apostate Jews, Rulers, Priests and People, declaring against their Wayes, Worships, Ordinances and Traditions, and their Temple, and said, *One stone should not be left upon another*, for which they accused him of Blasphemy, and whatsoever good he did, if it did not make for their ends, and advantage, they owned it not to be of God, but of the Devil; So when they had murdered him, they were not yet satisfied, but gave large monies to have lies raised of him, when he was raised from the dead according to the Scripture of

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the Prophet, which saith, *Thou wilt not leave my Soul in Hell, nor suffer thy Holy One to see Corruption, Psal. 16. 10.* So after they had garnished the Sepulchers of the Prophets whom their Fathers slew; they say, *If we had been in the dayes of our Fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the Prophets, wherefore saith Christ, Ye be witnesses unto your selves that you are the Children of them that killed the Prophets; Fill ye up then the measure of your Fathers; Ye Serpents, ye Generation of Vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of Hell; Wherefore behold I send unto you Prophets and Wise men, and Scribes; and some of them ye shall Kill and Crucifie, and some of them shall ye Scourge in your Synagogues, and persecute them from City to City, that upon you may come all the Righteous blood shed upon the Earth, from the blood of Righteous Abel, unto the blood of Zacharias, Son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the Temple and the Altar.*

Verily I say unto you all these things shall come upon this Generation. *Oh! Jerusalem thou that killest the Prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee; How often would I have gathered thy Children together, even as a Hen gathereth her Chickens under*

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*under her wings but ye would not; Behold, your house is left unto you desolate, for I say unto you, ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord, Mat. 23.*

And thus much of the Apostacy of the Jews, whose works hath brought them to have their House left desolate unto them, and there they remain unto this day, having the good removed from them, and given over to the Misery and Distress, and Curse of that which they are Apostatized from, having the evil and plagues brought in upon them, which was declared of in the Law and the Prophets; And these may be a warning to all Apostates upon the face of the whole Earth, for in them the severity is fulfilled, who for their Sins sake, and their Iniquities sake, are driven out from before the face of God, without King, Priest or Prophet, and many years hath God been visiting their abominations upon them, and the abominations of their Kings, Rulers, Priests and Prophets, who cryed peace so long, until their house is left desolate to them, and become a ruinous heap unto them.

O Lord, wilt thou for ever forsake thy  
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ancient Nation, wilt thou not remember them for *Abrahams* sake, thy friend, and for *Isaac's* and *Jacobs* sake, who kept Covenant with thee, unto whom thou renewed thy promises through the multitude of thy tender mercies? O that *Israel* might yet be gathered together, that thy ancient Nation might be visited in the bowels of the tender mercies of thine own Son: Lord poure forth of the Spirit of thy Grace upon them, and thy Visitation from on High, and let thy Visitation reach to thy Seed in thy ancient Nation; let the Heaven afford them Virtue, and the dew from on high, reach unto thy Seed, that thy Seed in them may be gathered in with the fulnesse of the *Gentiles*, that all the riches of thy Seed may be gathered from the North, and South, and East, and West, that the Heathen may be thy possession, and the ends of the Earth thine Inheritance, that thy Sons may come from far, and thy Daughters from the ends of the Earth, and thou mayest visit both *Jews* and *Gentiles* in the tender Mercy of thy Son, that the fulness of thy Seed may come into thy Rest which is Glorious, and therein praise and Glorifie Thee who art King of Saints.

*A Demonstration through the Eternal Spirit of the coming of Christ Jesus, and his Visiting the Sons of men, with the Heavenly Gift of Light and Knowledge, according to the promise of God, spoken by the Prophets before the Christian Apostacy.*

**A**fter all this Apostacy of the Jews; and Killing, and Murdering the Saints, the Lord had yet Compassion on the World, when all men were concluded under sin, and to be fallen from the glory of God through transgression; The Law concluding both Jews and Gentiles to be all out of the way; and to have no knowledge of the Truth, yet the Lord remembered his promises, and in love to the World sent forth his Son, through the multitude of his tender mercies, and in the fulfilling of his promises, that he spake by the mouth of his Holy Prophets in the time of the Apostacy, and before the Apostacy. For Moses prophesied unto Israel: The Lord God would raise up a Prophet from amongst thy Bretheren, like unto me, him shall the People hear, and whosoever will not hear

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this Prophet, shall be cut off from amongst the people, Deut. 18. Acts 7. 37. And the Scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the Law-giver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be, who is to be heard in all things: for he reneweth the Law in the power of the highest; and through his own Spirit writes it in the heart; and puts it in the minde; according to the Prophecy of the word of promise, which was spoken by the Prophet Jeremiah, Jer. 31. whereby he teacheth his people that they all know the Lord from the least to the greatest; and receives mercy upon their sins, and pardon to their transgressions; and when he was come, and raised up through the Virgin, out of the loynes of Abraham and David, according to the flesh; then the Gentiles Light was come; by whom God visits all heathen; A Virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and they shall call his name Immanuel, God with us; and there shall come a Rod forth of the stock of Jesse, and a sprout shall grow out of his root; and the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him; and the spirit of wisdom and understanding; the spirit of counsel and strength; the spirit of knowledge, and

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Isa. 7. 14.

Isa. 11.



the fear of the Lord ; and shall make him prudent in the fear of the Lord ; for he shall not Judge after the sight of his eyes, nor reprove by the hearing of his ears ; but with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and with equiry shall he reprove for the meek of the earth ; and he shall smite the earth with the Rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked ; and Justice shall be the girdle of his loyns, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins ; and the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the Sea ; and that day the root of Jesse shall stand up for a signe unto the people, and the Nations shall seek unto it ; and his rest shall be glorious, *Isa. 11.* behold my servant, I will stay upon him mine elect, in whom my soul delighted. *I have put my Spirit upon him : he shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voyce to be heard in the street : a bruised Reed shall he not break ; and the smoking flax shall he not quench : he shall bring forth Judgement in truth ; and the Isles shall wait for his Law. The Lord have called thee in righteousness ; and will hold thine hand ; and give thee for a Covenant of the people for a light of the Gentiles, that thou mayest*

mayest open the blind eyes, and bring the prisoners forth the prison; and them that sit in darkness out of the prison-house. *Behold I will bring them from the North Countrey; and gather them from the Coasts of the earth; and with them the blinde, and the lame, and the woman with childe, and her that travels with childe; together, a great company shall return thither; they shall come with weeping; and with supplications will I lead them; I will cause them to walk in the Rivers of waters, in a straight way wherein they shall not stumble. It is a small thing that thou shouldst be my servant, to raise up the Tribes of Jacob, and restore the preserved of Israel. I also will give thee for a light of the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation to the ends of the earth; for in an acceptable time have I heard thee; and in a day of salvation have I helped thee; and will preserve thee, and give thee for a Covenant of the people; and I will lift up my hand to the Gentiles, and my standard to the people; and these shall come from far; from the North, and from the West, and from the Land of Sinim; and Kings shall be thy nursing Fathers, and Queens thy Nurses; for*

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Isa. 42.

Jer. 31. 8,

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they shall not be ashamed that wait for the Lord, *Isa.* 49. And the multitude of the Sea shall be converted unto thee; and the riches of the Gentiles shall come unto thee; and the Gentiles shall walk in thy light, *Isa.* 60. And I will make this my Covenant saith the Lord, my spirit that is upon thee, *Isa.* 59. and thou shalt encrease on the right hand, and on the left; and thy seed shall possess the Gentiles, mark, the Gentiles should be possessed with the Seed, and the seed should dwell in them; and all thy Children shall be taught of the Lord, and established in righteousness; and be far from oppression, *Isa.* 54. and their seed shall be among the Gentiles; and the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and they shall declare thy glory among the Gentiles, *Isa.* 66. I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his wayes; and he shall build my City; and he shall let go my Captives; not for price, nor reward, saith the Lord of hosts. Rejoyce greatly O daughter of Sion; Shout O daughter of Jerusalem; behold thy King cometh unto thee; he is just, having salvation, lowly, riding upon an Ass; and the foal of an Ass. A man of sorrow; acquainted with grief, judged of man to be

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of God ; yet bare he the sins of the peo-  
ple ; *he was wounded for our transgressions ;  
he was broken for our iniquity ; the chastise-  
ment of our peace was upon him ; and with  
his stripes we are healed :* he was oppres-  
sed, and afflicted ; yet did not open his  
mouth : he is brought as a lamb unto the  
slaughter ; and as a sheep before her  
Shearer is dumb, so he opened not his  
mouth : he was taken out from prison,  
and from judgement ; and who shall de-  
clare his generation ? he was cut out of  
the Land of the living ; for the transgres-  
sion of my people was he plagued ; and  
he made his grave with the wicked ; and  
with the rich in his death : *though he had  
done no wickedness, neither was any deceit in  
his mouth,* yet the Lord would break him ;  
and make him bear our infirmities : when  
he shall make his soul an offering for sin,  
he shall see his seed ; and shall prolong  
his dayes ; and the will of the Lord shall  
be performed by his hand : *he shall see  
the travel of his soul, and shall be satisfied :*  
by his knowledge shall my righteous ser-  
vant justifie many, for he shall bear their  
iniquities ; therefore wil I give him a por-  
tion with the great ; and he shall divide

the spoyle with the strong; because he hath poured forth his soul unto death; and he was counted with Transgressors; and he bare the sins of many; and prayed for the Trespasseurs, *Isa. 53.* this was he, before whose face, God sent his Messenger to prepare his way: and the voyce

Joh. 1. 23. *cryed in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord; and make straight paths for our God: and when this Messenger was come, he witnessed to the Saviour, the light of the World; who is the true light, and doth enlighten every one that cometh into the World: who in the daues of his flesh preached himself to be the Light of the World, accordingly as was promised concerning him in the Prophets; which*

Joh. 8. 17. *the Apostles likewise witnessed of him, and to be come, and the light of the World, according as the Prophets prophesied, John 1. 4. 9. and herein was the fulfilling of the Scriptures of the Prophets witnessed; for Christ gave his life, to be the light of men; as witnessed the Apostle; for in him was life; and the life was the light of men; and that is the true light, which enlightens every one that cometh into the World, John 1. 4. 9. So after Jesus had walked to see the travell*

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of his soul, in sighs, and groanings, and strong cryings, he offered up his soul a sacrifice for sin; and was raised again the third day, according to the Scriptures; which the Apostle afterwards witnessed; that according to the flesh, he came of the seed of *Abraham*, and *David*; born of the Virgin *Mary*: made a good confession before *Pontus Pilate*; was Crucified, dead and buried, and arose again the third day; and ascended into heaven: and hereby was God manifest in the flesh; justified in the spirit, seen of Angels, preached unto the Gentiles; believed on in the World; received up into Glory, *1 Tim. 3. 16.* who in due time shall shew that he is blessed, and onely Potentate, the King of Kings, Lord of Lords, who onely hath Immortality, that no man can approach unto, but dwelling in the Light.

So when the Son of God was come in the Bowels of the love of his Father, according to the promises, spoken by the mouth of his Holy Prophets; He came into the World, but the World knew him not; though he came to be the Light of it, as saith the Prophets, and as *John* witnessed, and He came unto his own, and his own re-

ceived him not; but to as many as received him, he gave power to become the Sons of God, even to as many as believed in his Name; Who were born not of the will of the flesh, nor of blood, but of God: And these came to behold his Glory, what it was while he was in the World; even to be filled with Grace, and Truth, of whose fulnesse they partooke, *And received Grace for Grace, John 1.* So in the love of God, the World became visited; and the people upon the face of the Earth, who had Light, and Knowledge sprung forth unto them in the day that sprung from on high, with which God visited them in the bowels of the mercies of his own Son, and visited them with the Light and Knowledge accordingly, as *Isaiah* and *Hosea* prophesied, *Isa. 9. 2. Hos. 2. 23. Mat. 4. 16.* For the people that sate in the Land of Darknes, and under the Region and shadow of Death, unto them a great Light shined. So that where it is said, *They were not his people, they are now come to be called the Sons of the Living God, Rom. 9. 26.* Who had believed in the Name of the Lord Jesus, who when he was come, preached himself to be the Light of the World; and to the Jews he said, *While*



we have Light walk in it, least darkness come upon you; and while you have Light, believe in the Light, that you may be the Children of the Light, John 12.35.36. And the Saints who partooke of his Light and Fulnesse, and received Grace for Grace through believing in him: they preached him up to be the true Light; For in him was Life, and the Life was the Light of men, John 1.4. and that's the true Light, which enlightneth every one that cometh into the World, that all through him might believe, verse 7. 9. And this is the Horn of Salvation which God raised up, for the Salvation of his people in the House of his Servant David; as he spoke by the mouth of his Holy Prophets since the World began, that we should be saved from our Enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us. And God performed that which he promised to the Fathers in the remembrance of his Holy Covenant, and the Oath which he Swore to Abraham, that he would grant unto us; That we being delivered out of the hands of our Enemies, might serve him without fear, and walk in Righteousness, and Holyness before him all the dayes of our life; and thou Child shall be called the Prophet of the Highest; For thou shall go before the face of the Lord to prepare

Luke 1.

pare his wayes, to give knowledge of Salvation  
 on unto his People, by the remission of their  
 sins, through the tender mercies of God,  
 whereby the day spring from on High hath vi-  
 sited us, to give light to them that sit in dark-  
 nesse, and in the shadow of Death, to guide  
 our feet into the way of Peace. And when  
 this Salvation was come, he was known  
 by such as knew the Spirit. For Simeon  
 the just, who waited for the Consolation  
 of Israel, when the Spirit came upon him,  
 and he saw the Saviour; he blessed God,  
 and said, Lord now lettest thou thy Servant  
 depart in peace, according to thy Word; for  
 mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou  
 hast prepared before the face of all people;  
 a Light to enlighten the Gentiles, and the glory  
 of thy People Israel, Luke 2. So them who  
 had the Spirit knew the Saviour, accord-  
 ing to the propheties, to be the Covenant  
 of Light, and Glory of Israel; and Light  
 to enlighten the Gentiles. But the wise of  
 the World, and Scripture-learned, who  
 were crying up Law, Moses Worship,  
 Temple, and Ordinances, they knew  
 not the Life, nor did receive it for Sal-  
 vation; though it came according to the  
 Law and the Prophets: but they being  
 erred from the Life and Holy Gift, knew  
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not the time of his coming; nor knew him when he was come, nor owned him to be the Salvation, but with despite, cast their wicked hands upon him, and *Crucified the Lord of Life, the Lord of Glory, whom they took and hanged on a Tree*, that the Scriptures of the Prophets might be fulfilled, which signified the suffering of the Just One, and that he must needs dye and rise again, according to the Scriptures, which signified of him; who is given for the obedience of Faith unto all Nations, both *Jews and Gentiles*. So when Christ was come, he preached himself to be *The Light of the World*, that *whosoever believed in him might not perish, but have Eternal Life: But he that believes not is condemned already: And this is the* Condemnation (mark) *the Light is, which* Joh. 3.19, *reproves the evil deeds; for he whose deeds are* 20. *evil hates the Light, and will not bring his deeds to the Light, lest it should reprove them.* So that it is plain, there yet remaineth condemnation in the Light, to those who love their evil deeds, and will not bring their deeds to the Light to be proved. So that which is ordained for life, to them that believe and obey the Truth; worketh unto condemnation in them that

that do not believe : So that it is clearly seen, that the God of *Abraham, Isaac and Jacob*, who is merciful, and long-suffering, slow to anger, doth by no means ac-

Exod. 24.  
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quit the guilty ; though *Heshew* mercy unto thousands of them that love him ; Yet hath

he placed his witnesse in man , which checks and reproveth for Sin, which worketh unto condemnation in them, whose deeds are evil, and bringeth an-

Rom. 2, 9,  
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guish, paine, and Tribulation upon the Soul of every one that doth evil, but Love, Peace, and good will to them that loves, and obeys the Truth.

So when Christ was come, he preached as well condemnation to the World, who went on in evil deeds, as life to them who loved the

John 3. 18,  
19, 20, 21.

Light, and believed in it, and brought their deeds to be proved by it, that they

might be manifest to be wrought in God.

So this answereth to the Law which was ordained for life ; but being transgressed it wrought death, and under the Law ;

*The man that did those things contained in the Law, lived in them ;* But cursed was

he that did not abide in all things written in the Law, to do them, which curse came upon the *Jews*, and remaineth to this day, though they have the Law and

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professe it ; but being erred from the Holy Gift, they are in the transgression of it, and in the curse ; and under the Gospel, Anguish, Pain and Tribulation to the Soul that doth evil, both of Jew and Gentile. So though Christ became a Light into the World ; it is not to Justifie the deeds thereof that are evil, but to condemn them, and to deliver from them, and redeem out of them ; for this end is the Son of God manifest, to destroy the works of the Devil, and to take away 1 John 3.8 sin ; who for sin is come to condemn sin in the flesh, and to destroy death, and Heb. 2.14. him that hath the powers of death, that is the Devil ; for which cause he came into the World, preaching *I am the light of the World, he that follows me shall not abide in darkness, but shall have the light of* John. 8.12 Life ; mark, he that follows Christ cannot abide in that which worketh to bring forth iniquity, but through believing in Christ the light, which enlightens every one that cometh into the World, he passes from the death, from that which passed over all men in transgression (and reigneth over all men in transgression) unto the gift of God which is life, and comes upon all men unto the justification

Rom. 5.

John 11.  
25, 26.Luk. 9. 23.  
John 6.

justification of life, and to cause them to do righteousness. So as sin hath abounded in the World, the gift of God doth much more abound, to make it manifest, and reprove it, and bring them out of the sin, who do believe in the gift, through which the visitation of the highest reacheth unto man again, to give him repentance, and the remission of sin through the tender mercies of God; And thus man may come to see that truth which Christ spoke, when he said in his Doctrine, *He that believeth in me, hath passed from death to life, and shall never dye, and he that believeth in me, though he were dead (mark) though he were dead, yet shall he live, and I will raise him up at the last day.* So through the Holy Gift, which Christ enlighteneth every one withal, the death comes to be manifest, and the dead works to arise to judgement; from which things Christ called his, preaching to them in admirable exhortations, promising them that did follow him, that they should not abide in darkness, but should have the light of life. So Christ preached, *He that will be my Disciple, let him take up his daily Crosse, and deny himself, and follow after me; and labour not for*

the bread which perisheth, but for that which endures unto eternal life; And he that eateth this bread which I shall give him, shall never dye, and the bread which the Son of man shall give, is his flesh.

*And seek first the Kingdome of God, and the Righteousness thereof, and all things else shall be added.* Now them who came to re-  
Luke 12  
31.  
Mat. 6.33.

ceive the Light, and accept of the Holy Gift to be a guide to them, they came into the obedience to his doctrine, and admirable exhortations, which he preached forth in the World; Shewing no man could enjoy two Kingdoms, nor serve two Masters; not serve God and the World. So Christ through his Holy Gift, and Grace, by which he enlightheth every one that cometh into the World, visiteth the people to give them repentance, and remission of their sins, which them that believed through his Holy gift received power to deny themselves and the world, and no more to partake with the world in their evil deeds; but to deny the world and their deeds, and their Wayes, Worships, Manners, Words and Performances: So through the Holy Gift, Christ laid the foundation of his Church, and begot many members into it, *Who believed*



Eph 2. 10.  
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ved in his Name, and received power to become the Sons of God, thorough which power they came to be the Work-man-ship of God, Created anew in Christ Jesus; And born again of the immortal Word of Life, which lives and endures for ever; and through this birth the Seed of the Kingdom became raised up from its furtherings, into the unity with the Holy Gift;

Rom. 9. 29.

and this is that which differs from Sodom, and is not like Gomorrah; which Seed being raised up, then the Soul comes to be united, and born up in it, unto God through him that destroyes the parti-

Eph. 2. 14,  
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on-Wall and midle-wall of sins, and corruption; and in himself maketh of twain one new man; and so makes peace, and thereby abolishes all the gifts, and sacrifices, and ordinances of the Law, and first Priest-hood, and ordaineth peace with God, speaking through the things that were in the old time, and ordains new things; which all them who are in the unity with the Holy Gift obeyes, seeing all old things to passe away, and all things to become new, according to the new man, who is Created anew in Christ Jesus. So all the old Ordinances, and Covenant in which the others was, and

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2 Cor 5  
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Strifes, and hardnesse of heart was ; all these things becomes ended, and fulfilled through the *Holy Gift* of God ; which teacheth, and giveth to love Enemies, and pray for them, and to love the Lord God, and the Neighbour, as ones self ; and here's the end of all those things which were imposed until the Seed came, which fulfills them all in this one word ; *Love thy Neighbour as thy self,* Mat. 5.34.  
*and do unto every one as thou wouldst be done unto ; for on this depends the whole Law and the Prophets.* Jam. 5.12.  
And them that came to believe in the Light, the *Holy Gift*, came into this love, in which the acceptance stands ; so when Christ had finished his course of obedience, and offered up himself upon the Crosse, fulfilling his course, doing and suffering all things that was written of him in the Law, and the Prophets, he set him down in the right of his Fathers Glory, and Power, of which he was an Heire before the world began, and there triumpheth over Hell, and Death, wasting and destroying it, that way may be made for all his Seed, to come and enter into his rest, and be gathered from amongst the Gentiles, and out of all quarters of the  
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Earth, that his Sons might come from far, and his Daughters from the ends of the Earth; and many be gathered from the East, and from the West, and from the North, and from the South; that the Earth might give up the dead that is in her, and the Sea give up the dead that is in her; and though *Israel* would not be gathered, nor the Sons of *Jacob* come to the brightnesse of his appearing, yet would the Lord be glorified, in bringing many Sons and Daughters to Glory. And many shall come and sit down in the Kingdom with *Abraham*, *Isaac* and *Jacob*; and for this end, the Lord commanded them who had believed, *That they should not depart from Jerusalem, untill they have received the promise of the Father, which saies he, ye have heard of me; and ye shall receive power from on high, when the holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me both at Jerusalem, and in Judea.* And this power from on high they received, according to the promise (through waiting in the faith of the promise, which they had before) and thereby their mouths were opened, to declare of the wonderful works of God; and through this power they

Luke 2.

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reacht to that of God in them that heard. So went forth preaching the Gospel of the Kingdome to them that should be saved; and as many as received their word, received life eternal, even as many as believed in his Name through their word. And in those dayes there were added to the Church multitudes, both of *Jews* and *Gentiles*; and Light and Knowledge encreast, according to the prophecies of the Prophets; And as many as believed continued in the Apostles Doctrine, and in all the Ordinances of the Gospel; for they were come to that life, and Holy Gift, in which the acceptance stands which brought them into love and singleness of heart; and to be of one Heart, Soul and Spirit; and to have all things common, Acts 4.34. that they might serve the Lord, and one another in love. So through the Gift of the Spirit, which Christ gave unto men when he ascended on high, He Ordained 1 Cor. 12. some Prophets, some Apostles, some Teachers, and through the same gift of the Spirit, is the working of Miracles, the gifts of Healing, Helpers, Governours, and Diversitie of Tongues; the Gift of the Spirit, distributing unto every man as it will, as in 1 Cor. 12. and he that ascended on high

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high that he might fill all things, who led captivity captive, He gave gifts unto men; some Apostles, and some Prophets, some Evangelists, and some Pastours and Teachers, for the building up of the Saints, for the work of the Ministry, and for the Edifying of the Body of Christ; till we all meet together in the acknowledgement of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ, Eph. 4. So they being ordained by the Gift of the Spirit, which gave them Light and Knowledge, and Understanding; and fitted them for the service of the Lord; giving them not only to know those things which belonged unto their own peace in particular, but those things which belonged to the peace of all people. So then they went forth freely preaching the Gospel through Cities, Countries, Towns, and Villages, disputing in the Markets, Synagogues, and Assemblies of the People, not fearing the displeasure of man, nor of the Rulers, and Powers of the Earth, nor of priests nor people, though shamefully entreated by them, and Beaten, Imprisoned, and commanded to speak no more in that Name; yet they spoke the more boldly, rejoycing in all things

that they suffered; Declaring through the Name of Jesus the remission of sins, and faith towards God; and said, this then is the message that we have received of God, and declare unto you, *That God is Light, and in him is no darknesse at all; and if we walk in the Light as he is in the Light, we have fellowship one with another; and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son, cleanseth us from all Sin;* And that which we have heard from the beginning, and seen, and looked upon with our eyes, and handled, and tasted of the word of life, we declare unto you, that your fellowship may be with us, and our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. Now through this Heavenly Gift were the Saints gathered, and the Churches established upon the foundation of the Prophets and Apostles, *Christ Jesus being the chief Corner Stone;* and another foundation can no man lay; for he onely is laid in *Sion* for a foundation, who is Elect and Pretious, and gives light to them that sit in darknesse, and life to the bitter in Soul; and Gifts even to the rebellious that they may dwell with God; And this is he that was preacht for Life, and Salvation unto the ends of the Earth,

1 John 1.

Eph. 2. 20.

Job. 3. 10.

Psal. 68.  
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A. 26. 18

Eph 5. 13.

Earth, who was born of the Virgin, and suffered according to the flesh, being quickned and raised again, and justified through the Eternal Spirit, ascending into Glory; seen of Men, and of Angels, Preached in the World, and believed on amongst the *Gentiles*. For the Apostle went to turn the *Gentiles* to him, who is the Light; and he opened their blind eyes, turning them from Darknesse to Light, and from Satans power unto God, that they might receive the remission of their sins, and a part in the Inheritance amongst them who were sanctified by faith in Christ. So turning them to the Light, he turned them to that which opened their eyes, that they saw those things that were reprovabable: For those things that were reprovabable were manifest by the Light; for *whatsoever doth make manifest, the same is Light*. So into the Light the Churches were gathered; for that's the foundation, which the Gates of Hell cannot prevail against, which manifests those things that are reprovabable amongst the *Gentiles*; unto whom God had sent his Covenant of Light to be their salvation to the ends of the Earth; not ceasing to work in them until



until he had brought forth Judgement in Victory, and given to inherit the wast places ; and raised up amongst them the Tabernacle of *David*, that the residue of men might seek unto God, if happily they might feel after him. So the Light of the *Gentiles* is the foundation, even that which is given to them to believe in; which reproveth the evil, and manifests those things that are reprobable amongst the *Gentiles* unto whom the Apostles preached, that they might come to receive Life and Knowledge, through the Light which they were enlightened withal, which when they believed in it, they came to see God shining in their hearts, causing the Light to shine out of darkness, *To give them the light of the knowledge of the Glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.* And this Treasure they had in their earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power might be manifest to be of God, and not of them. So this was the state into which the Churches were gathered in the primitive times, and which they came into through faith in the Light, which enlightneth every one, and is the Grace that bringeth salvation, which appeared unto all men ; and taught the be-

Acts 15, 16

2 Cor. 4. 6

Tit. 2. 11,  
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1 Cor. 12.  
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lievers that denying ungodliness, and worldly lusts, they should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present evil World. So when they were come to this obedience, then they came to see their profitting according to the measure of faith, and of the Spirit, *which was given to every one of them to profit withal*, through which they abode in obedience to all the Ordinances, and Commandements of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and his holy Apostles; who had gathered them into the Truth, even such, who were once dead in sins, and trespasses, whom he quickened together with himself unto life: and for these the Apostle could testifie, that *from thenceforth, they walked not after the vanity of their minds like as other Gentiles do*, but were transformed in their minds, and purged in their Consciences, and made alive to God by the renewing of the Holy Ghost. And unto such they wrote, that they should not fashion themselves according to the fashions of the World, but to be transformed by the renewing of their minds, to prove what was that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God, and came through the sanctification of their Spirits to offer up their

Eph. 4. 17.

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living and holy Sacrifice, acceptable with God; which was but their reasonable service. So the Apostles when they had gathered the Churches into the Heavenly Gift, and Grace; they exhorted them *to stand fast in the Faith*; and laboured to bring them into all Love and Obedience unto Good works; commending Godliness with contentment, to be great gain, and profitable unto all men; having the promise of this life, and of that which is to come. So according to their several places, and works that they were called unto in the work of the Ministry; they labored to present every man perfect in Christ Jesus, who offered up himself for his Church; that he might Redeem it unto God, and present it in himself without spot, or wrinkle, or any such like thing. So they laboured in all things to settle, and establish the people in true Obedience to the Grace, and Gift of the Spirit, by which they saw their profiting; for the Apostle, when he reckoned up Fornicators, Lascivious and Wanton Ones, and such as were led away with Dumb Idols; and such saves he were some of you; but now you are washed, but now you are cleansed and sanctified in the Name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Tim. 4. 8.

Col. 1. 28  
and 4. 12

Eph 5. 27.

1 Cor 6. 1

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Then the Apostles brought them to the waiting in the soberness; and to the meeting together, and into the fellowship with the Father, and his Son Jesus Christ, and one with another; for they being made one with the heavenly Gift, through which they believed, they were of one heart, mind, and spirit; in which they worshipped God, and served God day and night without ceasing; abiding together in one spirit and life. So unto them the Apostles wrote Epistles, with admirable exhortations to them; and to them that were added to them, (*for there was daily added such as should be saved*) exhorting them to stand fast in the Faith, and to persevere in the hope: holding out unto the end; watching, and being sober; putting on the breast-plate of Faith, and of love; and for an helmet the hope of Salvation: having their feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace: And in this day they were to be separated; and not to touch any unclean thing; and covetousness which is Idolatry was not so much as to be once named amongst them; and the love of money was accounted among them to be the root of all evil. So in this time their

1 Thes. 5.

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Eph. 6. 13.

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their men were grave, and sober; and  
 their women chaste, and pure; having  
 their conversation coupled with fear;  
 that they might adorne the Doctrine of  
 the Gospel of Christ; *not adorning them-* 1 Tim. 2.  
*elves with Gold, or Pearls, or pretious stones, or* 9.  
*costly array; but with modest apparel, & with*  
*shamefastness; as becoming women pro-*  
*fessing godliness, with good works: whose*  
*adorning was not to be with putting on*  
*of apparel or costly aray; but that of* 1 Pet. 3.  
*the hidden man of the heart, the adorn-*  
*ing with the meek and quiet spirit, which*  
*with the Lord is of great price: And*  
*their words were to be few, seasoned*  
*with salt to administer grace to the* Col. 4.6.  
*hearers. And thus were they gathered*  
*through the Grace, which taught them* Eph 4.29.  
*to obey these things, according to the*  
*Doctrine of the Apostles, and Ministers,*  
*who were ordained for the edifying of the*  
*body, and gathering it into the unity of*  
*the Spirit, until they all come to grow up*  
*into the knowledge of the Son of God; and*  
*to the measure of the Stature of his fulness,*  
*into a perfect man; to the end that they*  
*might be no more tossed about with eve-* Eph. 4.  
*ry winde of Doctrine; and the sleights*  
*of men, who lie in wait to deceive; but*  
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being rooted and grounded in the knowledge of God, they might edifie one another in love ; all pressing forward unto the mark of the Price of the high calling in Christ ; namely the perfect life, and holy life, which he gave himself for to redeem his Church into; and gave Gifts unto men, fitting them to the work of the Ministry ; that they might present every one perfect in Christ Jesus ; who presents his Church in himself, without spot or wrinkle, or any such like thing. And unto this were they come, when they were washed

**Revel. 1. 6** from their sins through the blood of the Lamb ; and did give Glory to him, who had loved them, and gave himself for them, washing them from their sins in his own blood ; and made them Kings and Priests unto God, and his Father.

**1 Pet. 2.  
5. 9.**

And then they were *a peculiar people, a chosen Generation, a Royal Priesthood, an holy Nation, separate from sinners, and zealous of good works*: then received they purified garments, washed white in the blood of the Lamb, to appear before God with songs of praise, and of rejoicing ; having received beauty for ashes, and the songs of praise for mourn-

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ings, and joy for heaviness of spirit.

O thou spouse, where wert thou when men Apostatized from thee; where didst thou hide thy self, thou dove, in the day when they killed thy Prophets? where was *the cleft of the Rock* that thou hid thy self in when thou wast a widow; and in the day when thou barest not; when thy Sons were not gathered, nor thy Daughters nursed by thy side? but thou *Sion* wert as a widow; and as one forsaken and left desolate, and them *that passed by thee* *bissed at thee*; and *wagged their hands*, calling thee *forsaken*, and *cast off*; but thy God remembred thee in the multitude of his mercies, and had compassion on thine afflictions; and sent forth his King to gather thee; and gave thee the beauty of his holiness to beautifie thee: then wert thou sought in the Desert, and fetcht out of the cleft of the Rock, into which thou fled to hide thy self in the wilderness; and thy Maker took thee to himself, and made thee the spouse of a King; that thou that hadst been called barren, and forsaken, mightest bring forth, and be gathered to be the glory of all Nations; that thou mightest sing which had been called barren, and bring forth



forth the King of Glory in the day that  
 thou travelled: then were the heavens  
 opened unto thee, which showered down  
 thy rain, and distilled thy dew upon  
 thee; and poured forth the blessings of  
 heaven, and restored unto thee thy Pro-  
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 Ancient Glory; and sent forth Messengers  
 for thee to bring thy Sons from far,  
 and thy Daughters from the ends  
 of the earth: that Kings might come un-  
 to thee, and Princes to the brightnesse  
 of thy rising; that Kings might be thy  
 nursing Fathers, and Queens thy nurs-  
 ing Mothers. Then was thy Glory re-  
 stor'd unto thee, that the Ancients of  
 thy people bowed unto thee; then the  
 Lord dwelt in *Sion*, and clothed thee  
 with the Son of Righteousness, and  
 crowned thy head with the Crown of  
 twelve Starres, that thy light and thy  
 brightness might shine, and the Nations  
 be converted unto thee, and the *Gentiles*  
 to the brightness of thy rising: then  
 wert thou made the Glory of all Nations,  
 and thy City builded with Truth; and  
 thy light the King of Glory; and Salva-  
 tion was plac't round about thee for  
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young men strong, and thine Ancients honourable; and thou beautified with the praise of holiness, and thy dwelling place purity: then were thy Assemblies blest, and the Congregations of the righteous gathered to thee, and to the King of thy Glory, who gathered thy Sons from far, & thy Daughters from the ends of the earth; and made the Earth and the Sea give up their dead: and they were gathered from the North, the East, the West, and the South, that thou mightest be beautified with the durable riches of all Nations; for then did thy Seed arise and shine, because its Glory was come: then was Righteousness thy clothing, and thy Sons shone like the morning Star, and thy Daughters flourished as the Lilly in the valley, and were made fresh as the Rose of *Sharon*: then came thy King leaping upon the mountains of spices, and skipping upon the hills, for to shew unto thee the true Shepherds Flock; that thou mightest know where he made them to rest at Noon: then were the pleasant Valleys open to thee, and the springs, that thou mightest drink, O Beloved; for then the heavens afforded thee dew, and the earth  
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springs of water, and abundance of increase; that thy sheep might feed, and bring forth twins by thy side, and thy lambs might grow as a sacrifice of sweet smell unto thy God: then were thy sons redeemed from iniquity, and thy daughters purg'd through cleansing; for thy God delighted in thee, and poured forth of his spirit from on high, for the beautifying of thy children, and the cleansing of the people that came to be thy Consorts, that they might be fitted to enter into thy City, into which no unclean thing can enter; for thy Glory was pure, and thy King could not behold any iniquity; neither can workers of iniquity stand before him: therefore cleansed be thy children, and washt them from their sins in his own life; and made them Kings and Priests unto himself, to live with him for ever more; and thus did the King glorifie, and beautifie thee, and thy children, that thy Glory none might excel.

But this Glory continued not long: for men began to Apostatize from the life, and to lose the heavenly Gift, and the spirit of Grace; and that even in the Apostles dayes, before the Man-  
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from the heavenly Gift.

child was caught up unto God, and the Church fled into the Wilderness, which afterwards John saw in the Revelation: For in the Apostles dayes the Apostacy began; and the false prophets began to arise, and the false Christs, as Christ had foretold, many should come in his Name; false Christs, and false Prophets, which should deceive many; crying lo here, lo there; but sayes Christ, believe them not; these were they that came in sheeps clothing, speaking the good words, and fair speeches, *deceiving the hearts of the simple*, but inwardly ravened from the spirit; *by their fruits ye shall know them*: and these Christ said should come, which John said was come: for John said my beloved, ye have heard that Antichrist should come: now are there many Antichrists, and many false spirits entred into the world; they went out from us that it might be manifest they were not of us: if they had been of us, no doubt they would have continued with us. So these Apostarized from the spirit; ravened from the spirit, speaking things which they ought not for filthy lucre sake; who with good words and fair speeches deceived the heart of the simple. So these that went from the spirit,

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Mark 13.  
Mat. 7.  
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Rom. 16.  
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rit, deceived the people with good words. Antichrist gets good words: false Prophets gets good words: Apostate Christians gets good words; and this is Apostacy to go from the Spirit, though they have the good words: And this is the beginning of the Christian Apostacy, the going from the heavenly Gift, the true light which the Christians were called unto. So the Antichrists, and false Prophets, and Deceivers, gets the good words; and can transform into the likeness of the Ministers of Christ. And no marvel saith the Apostle, if his

2 Cor. 14. Ministers transform themselves as Mini-  
 13, 14, 15. sters of righteousness; for Satan himself is transformed into an Angel of Light. So the Apostles, who abode in the heavenly Gift, they could discern false Prophets, false Ministers, Antichrists, Messengers of Satan, ministers of unrighteousness, though they transformed, according to the working of the man of sin; who comes in all manner of deceivableness of unrighteousness, in the children of disobedience; appearing in signs and wonders; and as lightning from the East to the West, like the appearing of the Son of man; these were all discerned

2 Thes. 2.  
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cerned by them who abode in the light; the heavenly Gift which had vinted them from on high, and prophecyed against them, that God would consume them by the brightness of his appearing; and reward them with everlasting burnings, from the presence of his power, and Glory. So the Christian Apostacy began in fair appearances, and transformings, and imitation, in the deceivableness of unrighteousness. For in those days in the beginning of the Christian Apostacy, the false Prophets, and Antichrists, and false spirits, came in the *Voluntary humility*; and worshipping of Angels, intruding into things which they have not seen; being vainly puffed up in their fleshly minds, neglecting the body, not holding fast the head: mark, when they were gone out from the light, into the intruding; then they neglected the body, and held not fast the head, by which every member receives its sustenance, and are compact together. So these that neglected the Body, the Church, the ground and pillar of truth; they forsook their assembling themselves together, and worshipping God. Then these began to cry up the observation of

Col. 2.

Heb. 10. 25

dayes, and times, and Ordinances, and Rudiments of the World; all which the Apostle reproves, and told them who had believed, *I am afraid of you, least I have bestowed labour upon you in vain: Ye observe dayes, and times, and years and ordinances of men, which have a shew of godlineſſ: but the Body is Christ: and if ye be dead with Christ, why as though living in the World, are ye ſubject to Ordinances.*

Col. 2.

*Touch not, taſte not, handle not; all which perishes with the uſing; after the Command-*

Ephes. 4. 5.

*ments & Doctrines of men. So the Apoſtle preacht, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptiſm: and reproves thoſe things which the falſe Brethren brought in, to ſubvert their ſouls with. So the fruits of the Apoſtate Chriſtians, was to beget the people into obſervations, and ordinances, which the Kingdom of Heaven comes not in. So drew them from the Spirit into the Obſervations, and into the Letter, and carnal Ordinances; and would compell to be circumciſed, and to obſerve dayes, and times, and meats, which the Apoſtle reproved; telling them *Circumciſion, and uncircumciſion availeth nothing; but the**

1 Cor. 7. 19

Gal. 5. 6. &amp;

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*keeping of the Law. And Circumciſion, and uncircumciſion availeth nothing, but a*

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*new Creature.* Now mark the new Creature, which keeps the Law ; for the new Creature enters into the Kingdom. Yet the Apostle was tender towards such, who made conscience of meats, or of dayes, which the Law commanded, and would not have such judged, whose consciences were tender, who if they eat, or if they abstained, it was unto the Lord. For who kept a day unto the Lord, or kept it not, it being unto the Lord, these were not to be judged ; but them who observed dayes, and times, being led thereunto by the false Prophets, and Teachers ; and observed Ordinances by tradition, and commandment of men ; and not led thereunto by the Spirit ; such he reproveth ; as also their being circumcised according to the Doctrine of the false Brethren, the false Prophets : and said if they were circumcised Christ should profit them nothing. So Antichrist, the false Prophets, and Apostate Christians, got people from the obedience of the Grace, to obey their Traditions, and observations, and ordinances ; who being Apostatized from the life of God, and ravined from the Spirit ; then they grew to be ungodly men, turning the Grace

Jude 1.

of our Lord Christ into lasciviousness; denying the only Lord and Saviour: then began the damnable heresies to enter; then they turned from the Grace into wantonness; and forsook the assembling of themselves together with the Saints, being separated, sensual, having not the Spirit. Then they began to subvert whole Families, and drew them from the holy Commandment delivered unto them, of which the Apostle forewarned some; exhorting them *not to forsake the assembling themselves together, as the manner of some was; but to exhort one another,*

Heb. 10. 5.

*provoking one another to love and good works;* and so much the more, as they saw the day approach. And if there were not first a falling away, the Son of perdition would not be reveal'd: whom God

2 Thes. 2.

should reveal by the brightness of his appearing; and consume with the breath of his mouth. So them that followed Antichrist, false Prophets, and Deceivers, who rose up in the Apostacy, *they did despight unto the Spirit of Grace, and trampled under foot the blood of the Covenant, wherewith they had been sanctified; accounting it an unholy thing; concerning whom the Apostle wrote, that if he*  
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that despised Moses Law dyed without mercies ; of how much sorer punishment shall ye be thought worthy, who have crucified the Lord of Life afresh, and put him to an open shame ; and for such there remained no more Sacrifice for sin, but a certain fearful looking for of Judgement, and for the Indignation which shall devour the adversary of God. So them that turned from the Grace adhered to Antichrist, false Prophets, and Deceivers, by reason of whose pernicious wayes, the way of Truth was evil spoken of. Then Antichrists Kingdome began to flourish ; and the Christian Apostacy came in : the Churches began to be diminished in those daies, and false Christs, false Prophets, and Deceivers, being come, who deceived many, as Christ had foretold, *They drew many after them ; they grew up in the pride, and emulation ; whose mouths spoke great swelling words, alluring to the lusts of the flesh ; even such who had quite escaped the corruption, which is in the World through lust ; promising liberty, while they themselves were in bondage to corruption ; thereby overthrowing the Faith of some, saying that the resurrection was past already ; Speaking things which they ought*

Heb. 10. 29

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Chap 10.  
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not for filthy Lucre sake, counting gain to be Godlineſſ; whose damnation was just. So the Apostate Teachers, Prophets, and Antichrists, who were Apostatized from the Spirit, and Heavenly Gift, grew parallel in their Fruits, which the Jewish Apostate priests, false Prophets, and Deceivers, as well in persecuting the true Ministers, and Saints, as in preaching for hire, and divining for money; and seeking the fleece, the wool, and the fat, and filthy Lucre. For the Apostle Peter sayes; As there were false Prophets amongst the People, so shall there be false Teachers amongst you; who privily shall bring in damnable Heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them; and bring upon themselves swift destruction: And many shall follow their pernicious wayes; by reason of whom the way of Truth shall be evil spoken of; and through covetousnesse shall they with feigned words, make Merchandize of you; whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not; and their damnation slumbereth not: And these were such who Apostatized from the Spirit, Light, and Grace, walking after the lusts of the flesh, despising Government, (not governed by the Spirit) presumptuous, self-willed, not afraid to ſake evil of Dinities,

2 Pet. 2.

mities, natural bruit beasts ; made to be taken, and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not ; and shall utterly perish in their own Corruptions ; and shall receive the reward of unrighteousnesse, as they that count it pleasure to ryot in the day time. Spots they are, and blemishes ; sporting themselves with their own deceivings, whilst they feast with you ; having eyes full of Adultery ; and cannot cease from sin ; beguiling unstable Souls ; an heart they have exercised with covetous practises. Cursed children which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray ; following the way of *Balaam* the Son of *Bosor*, who loved the wages of unrighteousness ; but was rebuked for his iniquity ; the dumb Ass speaking with mans voice, rebuked the madnesse of the Prophet ; *These are Wells without water ; Clouds that are carried away with a Tempest ; to whom the mist of darknesse is reserved for ever : for when they speak great swelling words of vanity : they allure through the lusts of the flesh ; through much wantonness ; those that were clean escaped from them who live in errour ; while they promise them liberty, they themselves are servants*

Mat. 7. 16.

Jude 1.

vants of corruption; for of whom a man is overcome, of the same he is brought into bondage. Now these were Apostatized, false Teachers, false Prophets, and Deceivers, which Christ prophesied should come; and the Apostles saw were come, and manifested them by their fruits; as Christ had said, *By their fruits ye should know them*; And by their fruits they were manifest to run paralel with the false Prophets, false Priests, and Teachers in the Jewish Apostacy; which the true Prophets cryed against, and witnessed against, and which Christ witnessed against, as the Apostles, and true Ministers witnessed against these, who had the good words, and could speak the great swelling words; but inwardly were ravening Wolves; ravened from the Spirit, and Life of God, into the covetous practises; preying upon souls; and making merchandize of them for dishonest gain. And Jude witnessed against them the Apostates in his time, who were ravened from the Spirit; and erred from the Faith: for faith he, *There are certain men crept in unawares; who were before of old ordained to this Condemnation; ungodly men, turning the Grace of God into lasciviousness,*

ness, and denying the onely Lord God; and  
the Lord Jesus Christ. So run paralel  
with the Apostate Jews; who confessed  
God in words; but in works denyed him:  
these speak evil of the things which they  
know not; but what they know naturally  
s bruit Beasts, in those things they cor-  
rupt themselves. Woe unto them, for  
they have gone in the way of Cain; and  
run greedily after the error of Balaam  
for reward; and perished in the gain-  
saying of Core; These are spots in your  
feasts of charity, when they feast with  
you; feeding themselves without fear;  
clouds they are without water, carried  
about of winds; whose fruit withereth;  
without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by  
the roots; raging waves of the Sea, foam-  
ing out their own shame; Wandring  
stars, to whom is reserved the blacknesse  
and darknesse for ever. These are murmur-  
ers, complainers, walking after their  
own lusts, and their mouth speaketh  
great swelling words; having mens per-  
sons in admiration, because of advan-  
tage. But beloved, (sayes Jude) Remem-  
ber the words that were spoken before of  
the Apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ, how  
that they told you there should be mockers in  
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the last times ; who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. These be they ; (mark these be they who separate themselves, sensual ; having not the Spirit. Now all may see that the last time was come in the Apostles dayes ; of which Christ said, false Prophets, Antichrist, and Deceivers should come, who should deceive many : by their fruits ye shall know them ; mark the fruits for they are manifest to be in the Apostacy from the Spirit ; and from the life of God ; fruits of the flesh, covetous practises, greedy practises, raving, and devouring. For many walk of whom I have told you, and now tell you even weeping, they are enemies to the Crosse of Christ ; whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, whose Glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things. And now I beseech you Brethren mark them, who cause division, and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned, and avoided them ; For they are such who serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own bellies ; who with good words, and false speeches deceives the hearts of the simple. Rom. 16, 17, 18. And then in the Apostacy by the false Prophets, (who taught otherwise then Christ did) came in the Errours and Heresies ; who taught his Disciple

Phil. 3. 19.

disciples to give freely, as they received freely, *Mat. 10.* and if any man teach otherwise; and consent not to wholesom words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ; and to the Doctrine which is according to Godliness; he is proud, knowing nothing; but doting about questions, and strifes of words; whereof cometh envy, evil surmisings, perverse disputings, of men of corrupt minds; supposing that gain is godliness; *from which withdraw, 2 Tim. 6.* And thus the apostacy went on, and encreased. And the false Prophets, Antichrists, and Deceivers went out in *Balaams* way for love of gain, and filthy lucre, and covetous minds; for there are many sayes *Paul* un-  
*lawfully, and vain talkers, and deceivers; specially they of the Circumcision; whose mouths must be stopped; who subvert whole houses; speaking things which they ought not for filthy lucre sake, Tit, 1. 10, 11.* So all these false prophets, went on deceiving; contrary to the doctrine of Christ, and his Apostles; and contrary to the order of the spirit. For Christ said *freely ye have received, freely give, Mat. 10.* And the Apostle *Paul* in his Epistle to the *Laodiceans*; exhorted the Saints to take heed of them  
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that were desirous of filthy Lucre. And he saith, this is a true saying, if a man desireth the office of a Bishop; he desireth a good work. A Bishop then must be blameless; the husband of one wife; vigilant, sober, of good behaviour; given to hospitality, apt to teach; not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy Lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous, mark that well, 1 Tim. 3. Likewise must the Deacons be grave, not double tongued, not given to much wine, nor greedy of filthy Lucre; These were officers in the true Church, who were to watch over Souls and not to be like the Apostate Jews, their prophets & Teachers; nor like the Apostate Christians, their Prophets, Priests & teachers. And again, a Bishop must be blameless, as the Steward of God: not self-willed: not soon angry: not given to wine: no striker: not given to filthy lucre: but a lover of hospitality: a lover of good men: sober, just, holy, temperate, Tit. 1. And Peter who was an Elder, wrote to them who were Elders exhorting them to feed the Flock, taking the oversight of them, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind, 1 Pet. 5. And the Apostle wrote to the Saints, that if any man that is called a Brother be a Fornicator, or Covetous

or an Idolater, or a Rayler, or a Drunkard,  
 or an Extortioner, with such a one no not  
 to eat, 1 Cor. 5. For this ye know, that no  
 Whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor Co-  
 vetous man, who is an Idolater, hath any  
 inheritance in the Kingdom of Christ, and  
 of God. Let no man deceive you with vain  
 words; for because of these things cometh  
 the wrath of God upon the children of disc-  
 obedience, Ephes. 5. And Christ said take  
 heed, and beware of Covetousness, Luke 12.  
 15. And Covetousness should not be once  
 named among the Saints: for saith the  
 Apostle, mortifie therefore your members  
 which are upon the earth, Fornication, un-  
 cleanness, inordinate affection, evil concu-  
 sence, and covetousness which is Idolatry:  
 for which things sake the wrath of God comes  
 upon the children of disobedience, Col. 3. for  
 they that will be rich, fall into temp-  
 tation, and a snare: and into many fool-  
 ish and hurtful lusts, which drown men  
 in destruction and perdition: for the  
 love of money is the root of all evil:  
 which while some coveted after, they  
 have erred from the faith, and pierced  
 themselves through with many sorrows.  
 Now mark the Apostate Christians in  
 the Apostles dayes, who were ravened  
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from the Spirit, and gone from the life, they ravened after such things as Christ, and the true Prophets and Apostles forbade, and preached against: and so ravened after the lucre, and gain; and through covetousness made merchandise of souls: and many such were risen in the Apostles dayes; and more he saw coming, when he bad the Saints take heed to themselves, and to all the Flock over the which the holy Ghost had made them overseers, to feed the Church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood: *For I know this sayes he that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the Flock also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw Disciples after them, Acts 20.* I have coveted no man's Gold, Silver, or Apparel: ye your selves know that these hands hath ministred to my necessities, and to them that were with me, and he laboured with his hands, rather than he would make the Gospel chargeable: and thereby excelled all the Apostate Jewish Priests, Prophets, and Christian both. And nevertheless though this Apostacy was entered much in the Apostles dayes; yet they saw it encreas-

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ing. For Paul prophesied saying, Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the last times some shall depart from the Faith; giving heed to seducing spirits, and Doctrines of Devils; speaking lyes in hypocrisie; having their consciences seared with a hot Iron; forbidding to marry; and commanding to abstain from meats; which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving, of them that believe, and know the Truth, 1 Tim. 4. And again, this know also, that in the last dayes perillous times shall come; for men shall be lovers of their own selves; Covetous, Boasters, Proud, Blasphemers, disobedient to Parents; Unthankfull, Unholy, without Natural Affections, Truce-breakers, false-accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are Good, Traytors, Heady, High-minded; lovers of pleasures more then lovers of God; having a form of Godliness, but denying the power thereof; from such turn away; For of this sort are they that creep into Houses; and lead captive silly Women, laden with sins; led away with divers lusts; ever learning, but never able to come to the knowledge of the Truth. Now as Jannes, and Jambres withstood Moses; so do these also resist the Truth; men of corrupt minds; reprobate concerning  
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the same, 2 Tim. 3. And thus the Apostacy went on; and the false Prophets, false Christs, and Deceivers entered, and Antichrist, as Christ had foretold; and as the Apostles discovered them by their fruits; as Christ had said; *by their fruits ye shall know them.* So Antichrist entering, and false Spirits, and false Prophets; many were Deceived; and the Apostacy entred into the Churches; and the Churches wasted; *Some fell away, and lost their first love; and some were seduced to fornication, and to Idolatry, and some to the Doctrine of the Nicolaitans; to hold the good words, and fair Speeches, without the Life, and Power, which thing God hates.* And some grew luke-warm, whom God would spew out of his mouth; and they were warned to repent, and do their first works, or God would remove their Candlestick out of its place: And others he would fight against with the Sword of his mouth. And thus the Apostacy arose, and grew to an height; and Antichrist, and false Prophets, and Beast, and Whore, and Dragon, who warred against the Saints, and overcame them, and killed them, and drank their blood. So that the faithful witnesses became murdered

Rev. 2.



Murdered, and Martyred, whose Souls lay under the Altar; crying with a loud voice, *How long O Lord Holy, and True, dost thou not judge, and avenge our blood on them that dwell upon the Earth, and white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, That they should rest yet for a little season; untill their fellow servants also, and their Brethren that should be killed as they were should be finished, Rev. 6.* Their Antichrist being entred, and false Prophets, and Deceivers; darknesse came over all again; *And the Sun became black as sack-cloth of haire, and the Moon became as blood, and the Starrs fell from Heaven unto the Earth.* Then did the true woman loose her cloathing, who was cloathed with the Sun, and her Crown parted from her; and the Stars fell to the Earth; and the Heavens departed as a Scrole, when it is rolled together. Then rose the Beast out of the Earth, and ravened in the night, seeking to destroy the Man-child, when the true Woman brought him forth, who was to rule the Nations with a rod of Iron: and the Dragon cast floods out after the true woman; but the Earth opened her mouth, and helped, that the floods over-whel-

Rev. 12.

died not till she had brought forth the  
 Man-child, *Who was to rule the Nation with  
 a Rod of Iron*; And when the Man-child  
 was brought forth which the Dragon  
 waited to destroy, he was caught up to  
 God, and to his Throne; and the wo-  
 man fled into the Wildernesse into her  
 place, which was prepared of God that  
 they should feed her there *a thousand two  
 hundred and threescore dayes*; until God  
 should visit her with the pouring forth of  
 his Spirit from on high, upon the Sons  
 and Daughters of men, to convert them  
 unto himself, that they might receive the  
 Lambs Wife again. And so after the  
 Man-child was caught up to God, and the  
 True Church fled into the Wilderness;  
 and no where found among the Sons and  
 Daughters of men of the World; then the  
 Kingdome of the Beast increased; and  
 plagues was poured forth upon the Seat  
 of the Beast; and his Kingdome was full of  
 Darknesse; and they gnaw'd their  
 tongues for pain; and blasphemed the  
 God of Heaven, because of their paines,  
 and their sores; and repented not of their  
 deeds. And the Great Dragon was cast  
 out, that old Serpent, called the Devil,  
 and Satan; which deceived the whole  
 World;

World; he was cast out into the Earth, and his Angels with him; and ~~not~~ to the Inhabitants of the Earth, and the Sea; For the Devil is come down to you, having great wrath; because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. And when the Dragon saw that he was cast unto the Earth, he persecuted the Woman which brought forth the Mau-child: And to the Woman were given two wings of a great Eagle that She might flee into the Wildernesse; Into her place where She is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the Serpent: And the Dragon was wrath with the Woman, and went to make war with the Remnant of Her Seed, which keep the Commandements of God, and have the testimony of Jesus. And then came up the many headed Beast, Rev. 13. out of the Earth, which could speak great things, and Blasphemies against the God of Heaven; whose mouth was as the mouth of a Lyon, and the Dragon gave him his Power, and Seat, and Great Authority. And them that dwelt upon the Earth worshipped the Dragon, which gave power unto the Beast; and they worshipped the Beast, saying, who is like unto the Beast; and said, who is able to

*make War with him.* And it was given unto him to make War with the Saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all Kindreds, and Tongues, and Nations; and all that dwell upon the Earth shall worship him; whose Names are not written in the Book of the Life of the Lamb slain from the Foundation of the World. And thus Antichrist came, and the strength of the false Prophets, and Deceivers, who Apostatized from the Life and Heavenly Gift; and this way came in all the false Worships, false Teachings, and compelling power of the Beast, and Whore; who causeth all to conform, or the Whore will drink their blood; *the blood of Saints and Martyrs, whose names are in the Book of Life; and cannot bow to the Image of the Beast, as all the World can; whom the Beast causeth to receive his Mark in their foreheads, or right hand, or to be of the number of his Name, even both small, and great, bond, and free, rich, and poor; else no man might buy or sell, if he had not the mark, or the number of the Beast, or the number of his Name.* So here is the compulsive power, which will have all conform in the Apostacy; where

Rev. 17.

Rev. 13.  
16, 17.

where the heavenly Gift is lost, and the Man-child caught up to God; and the true woman, the Church, fled into the Wildernesse; and the Love, and sound Doctrine lost, which should win Souls. Then in the Apostacy the Beast makes War, to compel all to bow to the false Church; the false Woman, the Whore, Mystery Babylon the Great; the Mother of Harlots, and Abominations of the Earth; who makes all Nations drunk with the Wine of her Fornications, and ruleth over Nations, Kindreds, Tongues and Peoples; and ruleth over the People, sitting as a Queen; holding the Golden Cup in her hand; with which She makes the Nations drunk, and ruleth over them; arraying Her self in Purple, and Scarlet colours, and deckt with Gold, and Pretious Stones, and Pearles; making her self drunken with the blood of the Saints; setting her self upon Peoples, and Nations, and Multitudes, and Tongues: and thus Rev. 18. the Apostacy encreased, and the Beast arose out of the Earth, and the Sea, and reigned over all; then the false Woman the false Church, got up, the Whore, in the Apostacy; and the false Prophets in the Apostacy, and Deceivers in the

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Apostacy, ravened from the Spirit, and Life of God; having lost the heavenly Grace, and gift of the Spirit, and holy the Doctrine of the Gospel, which reprov'd all the ungodly works of the false Prophets, and all their covetous practises, and fruits of unrighteousnesse. So the Spirit being inwardly ravened from, which reprov'd them, and the Man-child being caught up to God; and the True Church fled into the Wildernesse; then the Beast and false Church Mystery Babylon, found out a way to make Ministers in the Apostacy; such as should surely exercise the same power, and walk in the same steps, as the false Prophets, Priests and Teachers, did in the Jewish Apostacy; and in the beginning of the Christian Apostacy in the Apostles dayes; So the Heavenly Gift being lost; and the Spirit in the Apostacy; then Antichristianisme spread over Nations, Kinreds, Tongues, and People; and the Beast with many heads, and horns, had power over them: and then Mystery Babylon the false Church, sat as a Queen, and ruled over Kings, Nations, Peoples, and Tongues, and Languages; then the Mystery of iniquity flourished, & the apostacy

they encreased : for the Saints were killed,  
 and them that had the Testimony of Je-  
 sus, who kept the word of his patience ;  
 and the Man-child was caught up to  
 God ; and the True Woman, and the  
 True Church which brought him forth  
 fled into the Wildernesse ; and the false  
 Church arose in the Antichristianism ; in  
 the power of the Dragon, which waited  
 to destroy the Man-child, when the True  
 Woman travelled to bring him forth.  
 And though the Man-child was caught  
 up to God, and the Woman fled into  
 the Wildernesse ; yet *The Serpent went to* Rev. 12. 17  
*make War with the Remnant of her Seed,*  
*which kept the Commandments of God.*  
 Then the false Woman the Whore, the  
 false Church ; *Mystery Babylon* arose, the  
 habitation of Devils, and foul Spirits,  
 and of all uncleanness, and hatefull Rev. 17 6.  
 Birds ; *And She made her self drunken with*  
*the blood of Saints, and Martyrs of Jesus.*  
 Then the Beast, false Prophet, Dragon,  
 Devil, old Serpent, Antichrist, false Wo-  
 man came up in the Apostacy, in the  
 drunkenness with the blood of Saints,  
 and Martyrs, all in the Apostacy, raven-  
 ed from the Spirit, and Life God, in the  
 Antichristianism ; then *the Whore, Beast,* Rev. 13 7.  
Dragon,



*Of the Christian Apostacy*

*Dragon, Devil, who ruled over the Tongues, and Languages, began to make Ministers by the Natural Tongues, and Languages, thereby to furnish Antichrists Ministers, Devils Ministers, Messengers of Santan; Ministers of unrighteousnesse.*

So the Apostacy spread, and all the ravenous beasts came forth, and the many heads and horns appeared: and when the heads were up; and beast pushing against beast; and horns striking against horns; then that head, and that horne that prevailed, that was advanced unto heaven. So when the Beast, Whore, and false Prophets & false Church had drunk the blood of the Saints and Martyrs, and the Man-child was caught up to God; and the true woman fled into the wilderness; then heads rose against heads, and horns against horns,; for the beasts were come forth into the prey; in the darkness of the night, and Apostacy of the Christians; and these warred against one another, to advance their own horns, according to the prophecy of the Prophet *Daniel, Dan. 7. and 8. chapters.* So when the beasts horn was exalted; then came forth the great Apostate the *Pope* in the Apostacy, from the spirit, and life of  
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God, as a prevailing head, and horne of the beast, through whom the Antichristianism came to be advanced; and the whore, the false Church to be set up, over Kings, Rulers and Princes: that all both great and small might bow down, and worship the beast, and his Image, and receive his mark, and be of the number of his name; else they must not live; nor buy, nor sell in peace; for who is able to make war with the beast? then in the Apostacy, all being ravened from the spirit, and all wandring after, and worshipping the beast, mark wandring; for they that be in that wandring have lost the *holy Gift*; and leading and guidings of the spirit of Jesus, where the Man-child was caught up to God, and the true Church fled into the wilderness, and the false Church, the Whore, Mystery Babylon, who drunk the blood of the Saints, and Martyrs of Jesus; then the whore would be owned to be the true Church; and compel all to confesse her to be the true woman by succession from the Apostles; and she must be called *holly Catholick Church*; one of the number of the Beasts. names; never claimed by the true woman who brought forth the

the Man-child which was caught up to God, when she fled into the wilderness. So when the Man-child was caught up to God, the head of the true Church, and of every member in particular; then the whore, and beast, which prevailed in the Apostacy and Antichristianism, set up man to be her head; the Pope that old Antichristian Apostate; then the Apostate must be called *His Holiness*, a name of blasphemy of the Beast and whore; and thus in the Apostacy, and error from the life of God, came up the Beast, Whore, false Prophet, Antichrist, false Teachers, Priests, Popes; all in the Devils power; ravened from the life and spirit, after the Man-child was caught up to God; and the true Woman fled into the Wilderness, there to hide her self (as a silly Dove which had lost her Mate) untill the time appointed that God should visit her again, and restore her by bestowing mercy upon the Sons and Daughters of men; and in visiting them through the day spring from on high; and the pouring forth the Spirit of his Grace, upon the Sons and Daughters of men; in which they might know the Man-child again; and the true Woman brought

brought out of the wilderness; and the Lamb and his marriage to be come. So in the midst of this Apostacy, which came in the Apostles dayes (and which they reprov'd) and continued to the raising up the false Church, the Whore, Mystery Babylon, the great, the Mother of harlots, and abominations of the earth, who drunk the blood of Saints (when the Man-child was caught up to God, and the true Church fled into the Wilderness) and of the true Womans Prophets, Apostles, Pastors, Teachers, helps, and Governments, which were ordained of God, and raised up through the holy gift of the spirit, *given to every man a measure to profit withall*; which Christ when he <sup>1 Cor. 12. 7</sup> ascended, gave Gifts unto men; to every <sup>Eph. 4. 8.</sup> man as the spirit divided it self; that they might be made able Ministers, for the edifying of the Body of Christ, which is his Church; that every Member might be brought into the unity of the Spirit; and the knowledge of the Son of God; and grew up to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ, unto a perfect man: and every one in particular might be presented perfect in Christ Jesus. Now in the Apostacy this Gift being ravened from,

from, and the Man-child caught up to God, and the true Woman fled into the Wilderness, and the blood of her Saines Prophets, Apostles, and Ministers drunk by the false Church, which would be called true, and holy Catholick; They wrought the Mystery of Iniquity, and the deceiverableness of unrighteousness, and the transformings of the Ministers of Antichrist, who preacht Christ: and then in the Apostacy when the false Church was up, *Pope*, Antichrist, Devil prevailed, and the heavenly Gift lost, which made many Ministers of the true Church then began that Idolatry, abomination and damnable delusion in the Apostacy and Antichristianism of making Ministers by the will of man, and of teaching to know Languages, and Tongues, for money; which was set up in stead of the Gift of God: and when Antichrists Ministers, the Whores, Ministers had got the Tongues, and the knowledge in the Tongues and Languages, which the Beast received power over; and the Whore sits upon (mark the seat of the

**Revel. 13.** Whore, she sits upon the Tongues and  
**7. & 17. 15** Languages) which when they are learned, then they must come forth to the Ministry

Ministry in the Apostacy; and enter into the Benefice which the Whore prepared, and the Apostates, *Popes* prepared. So the Languages, and Tongues, they being learned for money; they are the ground of the false Church, which She builds upon, and which She sits upon, and makes her Merchants Rich, through the Multitudes of her Delicacies. So then up went the Tongues, and Languages above the Life; and in the place of the Heavenly Gift. So *Pilate-like*, the Tongues were exalted, and set over the Life. And upon this Foundation, Antichrist continues his Ministry, and the Whore the false Church, sits to this day; and by the Tongues, her Merchants trades. Then spread the Idolatry, and abominations, and blasphemies; the Whore calling her self the True Woman, and most holy Catholick; and the old Antichristian Apostate the *Pope*, calling himself *Holynesse*, and the Head of the Church: and thus after the Man-child, the True Churches Head was gone; and caught up to God; and the true Church fled into the Wildernesse, and the True Prophets, Apostles, and witnesses slain. Then came up the Idolatrous Churches,  
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*Mystery Babylon*; and the old Apostate Pope, the head of it; with the Names of Blasphemy, and the Idolatrous Ministry from the Schooles, with the Tongues, and Languages which the Beast had power over, and the Whore sate upon; and these were set up over the Life, and *Holy Gift*, by which the true Churches Ministers were made in all ages; and then the false Churches Ministers were called Orthodox, and Divine; and none must be a Minister but he that was so made; as the Whore, Antichrist, and Pope appointed. So he that was not builded upon the false Churches foundation, the Tongues, which the Beast hath power over; and the Languages which the Whore sits upon, he must be no Minister to that Church; He is no Orthodox man, he is no Scholer, no Divine; let him be never so visited *with Power from on High*, and the Heavenly Gift, and Grace, which sanctifies, and hath made him never so pure, and given him never such wisdom, and understanding, and knowledge in those things, which are of God; thats all nothing in the false Churches account, they must be reared up upon the Foundation of the Mother of Harlots,

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(the false Church;) the Tongues, and Languages; else She will drink their blood. So the Apostates who are Apostatized from the Life of God; and erred from the Spirit, if they get the Tongues, and the Languages, the false Churches Foundation; and that which She approves on; he is Orthodox; a rare Divine; founded upon the Foundation of the Mother of Harlots, the Tongues, and Languages, which the Beast hath power over; and the Whore the false Church sits upon; then he is a Minister, then he may go forth into his Living; the place which his Mothers Children have power to invest him in; for he has come forth according to her Orders; and trayned up in her Names, and her Fashions. So through the Apostacy the false Church got up in the Names of Blasphemy; *When the Min-child was caught up to God, and the Woman fled into the Wildernesse; and the Saints and Martyrs were killed.* Then they lost the very Foundation, and Knowledge of the Heavenly Gift, which was *The Foundation of the Prophets, and Apostles; where Christ Jesus was the Chief Corner Stone.* Then came in the Idolatry:

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try : For when they had lost the Image of God ; and of Christ in themselves ; and knew him not ; Then they set him forth by the Image of a Corruptible Man ; as the Apostle Paul sayes. For the Apostacy was entred in his Dayes ; and the Apostates gone from the Truth ; *Who when they knew God, Glorified him not as God ; neither were thankful ; but became vain in their Imaginations ; and their foolish heart was full of darknesse ; when they professed themselves to be wise, they became fools ; for they turned the Glory of the Incorruptible God, into the similitude of the Image of a Corruptible Man ; and of Birds, and of four footed Beasts, and creeping things ; wherefore also God gave them up to their hearts Lusts, unto Uncleanesse, to Defile their own Bodies, between themselves, which turned the truth of God into a Lye, and Worshipped, and Served the Creature, forsaking the Creator ; which is blessed for ever, Amen. Rom. i.* So the false Church having not the Image of God in her ; her Children have the Representations, and Likenesses, and Images of Corruptible Man, to signifie unto them God, and Christ, which signifies, and proves, they

they have forgotten God, and Christ, who are one; and knows him not to dwell in them; and they to dwell in him; as the Saints did who were in the Image of God; and planted into his similitude and likenesse; who said, *in him we live, move, and have our being: and he was all in all.* And again, the Apostates having lost the power of God; the Crosse of Christ, they know not what it is: but in their foolish dark hearts devises Images; and sets up Crosse of Wood, and of Stone, and of Silver, and of Gold; and hangs upon them Images of Creatures; Idols to bow unto; which are Gods of Gold, of Silver, Wood and Stone, which see not, nor hear; And these must represent Christ, the Saints, the Crosse, Death, and Sufferings, Wounding, and Bruisings of Christs Body; And these the Apostates, and Idolaters say, represents Christ, the Saints, the Crosse, Death, Sufferings, VVoundings, and Bruisings of Christs Body; and puts them in mind of these things, which Christ suffered for them: when as alas its no such thing; these things represents onely the fruits of the Imaginations of the old Apostates;

Joh. 10. 30  
and 14. 20

2 Cor. 3. 18

Rom. 6. 5.

Acts 17. 28

*Whose foolish hearts were darkned ; and given up to believe lyes ; who changed the Image of the Incorruptible God, to the similitude of the Image of a Corruptible Man, &c. And this way they represent their own Ignorance of Christ ; his Image , his Crosse, Death, and Sufferings, which the Saints were Planted together with him in the likenesse of his Death, Suffering with him, and being Crucified unto the World, and Dead, and Buried with him, through the Baptism of his spirit, by which they became raised again, in the likenesse of his life, and resurrection, to Reign with him. So the whole Truth being lost ; the Apostates set up likenesses of the things, which the True Church was ordained with ; that the VVhore Mytery Babylon might appear like the True VVoman ; and her Prophets, and Ministers, who were ravened from the Spirit, might appear as the True Prophets, and Ministers, that all the VVorld through their deceivings might Worship the Beast, and be ruled over by the VVhore, while they thought they VVorshipped God ; and were ruled by the True Church. So the false Churches Ministers, they would appear*

Rom. 6.

appear as *Ministers of Righteousnesse*; and as *Ministers of the True Churches Ordinances*; though the Truth hath been all along changed into a Lye; Setting up the Tongues, and Languages, and Learning in the will of man; for the Heavenly Gift, and Call; and setting up divers Names; *as his Holinesse the Pope, the Head of the Church, and Reverend Father in God*: with Cardinals, Abbots, Fryers, Monks, Jesuites, Priests, and many more Names in divers Orders, and Fashions of Cloathings, and Traditions, instead of the True Ministers of the Gospel; and setting up preaching for Hire, and Gifts, and Rewards, and great Benefices, and Livings, and Tythes, and Parsonages, Augmentations, Easter-Recknings, and Mid-Summer Dues, and Peter-pence; in stead of the *Free-Ministry, and Free-Gospel*; which Christ and the True Ministers, *Received freely, and Ministred freely*; and in stead of the *Power of God, the Crosse of Christ*; Crosses of Wood, Stone, Silver, and Gold, with Images upon them in the High-VVayes, and turning crosse-paths, and in Houses, Steeple-Houses, Cities, and Towns;

Rom. 1. 25

1 Cor. 1. 18

- Rom. 1. 16 and instead of *the Gospel the Power of God to Salvation*; the four Books, *Matthew, Mark, Luke and John*; which is not the Gospel, not the Power of God to Salvation; but *declares of it*; a Declaration of it; *of the Power of God which is Christ*; and in stead of *the Body and Blood of Christ* sets up material bread, blasphemously calling it the real Body and blood of Christ, after Consecration, and Sacrament of the Altar; one of the names of the Beast, never heard on, nor read on in the Scriptures of the Prophets, Christ, nor the Apostles: And in stead of *the Baptism by one Spirit, into one body*; they set up that they call Baptizing of Infants; Signing them with the Sign of the Crosse, calling it a Sacrament; and divers other Sacraments; so many Names, and Marks of the Beast. And having lost *the true Praying in the Spirit*, instead of *the spirits directing to pray with understanding*; they have set up praying by Beads; so many devised stories as the Apostate Priest shall direct. And in stead of *singing in the spirit, & with understanding, with the Grace in the heart, to make melody to the Lord*, They have set up Organs, and Singers,
- Luke 1. 1.
- 1 Cor. 12, 13.
- Eph. 6. 18.
- 1 Cor. 14, 15.

Singers, according to their own Devices. And divers more devices, the false Church hath got up in the Apostacy; and divers Orders, or rather disorders, wherein they who are of her, vaunts themselves in their deceivings; all which things would be too long to relate here, and fill too big a volume. But the false Churches Foundation is manifest not to be the *Holy Gift*, and spirit of the Highest; But from Antichrist, and false Prophets, in the Apostacy; and that Apostate the *Pope*, from Antichrist: and finally all the whole rabble of Names, and Orders; Sacraments, Wayes, and Worships, Practises, Customes, Traditions, beginning and end of them; and the whole body of that *Roman* Antichristian Religion, stands all in the Apostacy; in the Errour, Delusion of the Devil, and is all Abomination to the Lord, being done in that which Transgresses; which God will destroy, and consume in the brightnesse of his appearing; and reward that whole crew of Idolaters, and Apostates, with *Everlasting burnings*, from the presence of his Glory; and all that are found in their wayes and abominable practises.



Rev. 13:7.  
and 17:15

And as another head of the Beast, there are divers got up in the Apostacy, under other Names, and Numbers: but in the same Nature and Spirit of Antichrist, and sprang from the same Foundation; and made Ministers in the same manner as the false Church, the VWhore approves; So as another Head, and Horns of the Beast, are other men risen up in the pride of their Hearts; being ashamed of their Mother: and the old Apostate the Pope; who appointed the way of making Ministers by the will of Man, and by *Schools*, and *Tongues*, and *Languages*, which the Whore sits upon, and the Beast received Power over. So though our so called Protestant Ministers, denies their Father the Pope, that old Apostate, and their Mother the false Church: yet by the Eternal Spirit they are seen to be of one Root, and Off-spring; and its seen they are of one, and to be reared upon one Foundation; the way which the old Apostate, and their Mother the false Church invented, when She ravened from the Spirit; Namely the *Schools of Learning*, the *Tongues*, and *Languages*, which the Beast hath power over; and the Whore

Whore the false Church sits upon; The Apostate Popish Church, the Apostate Protestant Church, both on one Foundation; both one Seat, the Schools of Learning, without the Spirit; the Tongues without the Spirit, the Languages without the Spirit; *The Wisdome of the World, which God will confound; for the World by Wisdome knows not God; and he taketh the Wise in their own Craftinesse, and turneth the Wisdom of the Wise into Foolishnesse.* So the beginning of the Papists way of making Ministers; and the Protestants, is all one; the false Church; Foundation, the Vniversities, Tongues, and Languages; and way of Learning Natural Arts, and Sciences: and this the beginning of a Protestant Minister. *All the World being wandred after the Beast; and Apostatized from the Spirit, and Life of God: every ones care is to be Great, High, and Rich, and in Reputation in the VWorld.*

1 Cor. I. 19  
20, 21.

Reve. 13.

So the covetous studying how to advance their children, according to the lusts of ignorance, then such a child he is a witty Boy, let us make him a Minister: Aye but it will cost us much;

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its no matter, he will be provided for  
 we need give him no other portion  
 Now mark the price of a Priests call-  
 ing; it costs much, that is the price  
 and the mark that is aimed at through  
 that price is a great Living; he shall be  
 provided for: and so the Apostate  
 goes on; sends the Boyes to Schoole  
 and from thence to the Universities, the  
 Nurseries of Antichrists Ministers: then  
 as he growes in his natural Knowledge  
 Tongues and Learning, he takes his de-  
 grees, and names, and titles; and so  
 a Cage of unclean Birds continues to-  
 gether, they continue until the wit of  
 man, and subtilty of man can judge him  
 fit to Commence one Name, or Title, or  
 other of the Apostate Names, *Bachelour of*  
*Arts, Bachelour of Divinity*; or another of  
 the Apostate Names, which Schools and  
 Titles, and wayes of making names and  
 Ministers was never mentioned among  
 the true Churches of Christ. So when he  
 is made, out he must come to raven after  
 the Fleece, the Living, the great Bene-  
 fice; the mark of the price of the Priest  
 Calling, whose Parents are at great  
 charges, to get them to be made Mi-  
 nisters

Ministers : and when they are made, ex-  
 pects to hit the mark, which the price  
 aims at, the great Benefice. And thus in  
 the very begining of the way of making  
 Ministers, they are in the Apostacy er-  
 red from the Spirit ; not made by the  
 Gift of God, as all Ministers of the  
 Churches of Christ were ; but made  
 like the old Apostates the Ministers ; the  
 Popes Ministers, at the Popes Schooles,  
 with the Languages and tongues, which  
 the Beast hath power over, and the  
 Whore sits upon, which hath drunk the  
 blood of Saints, whose off-spring all the  
 erring Priests are, who are taught in  
 her way, and by the Schooles which she  
 appointed. So in the beginning of  
 their Call, they are all in the Apostacy  
 severed from the Spirit ; made by the  
 will of man ; founded in the Tongues  
 and Languages, which God confounds ; Gen. 11,  
6, 7.  
 and so they set up the Tongues and  
 Languages above the Life ; like Pilate,  
 who delivered up the Just, into the  
 hands of sinners, set up the Languages  
 over him ; the Hebrew, Greek and Latine, Ioh. 19. 19  
20.  
 the Priests Original and Foundation,  
 whereby they be made Orthodox men.  
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And again they are erred in the beginning of their way of being made Ministers, in the Apostacy from the Spirit, the free Gift of God, by which Christ gave his Ministers their Ministry freely, without price; and Ordained his the Office, and Work of the Ministry free through the working of his holy Gift, which purified them; & as they freely received, they were freely to give, & did freely give & would not make the Gospel chargeable. But the Ministers of the World, are made by man for money, and price, and come forth into the World, and sell that which they have gained for money, and price, to the people, for money and price again: and at their coming forth enquires what Living, how much gain, and if a quarter that he can seek gain enough from, and get Benefice enough that's a place for him: and so they come forth in the very likeness of the false Prophets in the Jewish Apostacy, against whom the true Prophets cryed, *Isa. 56.* and preached for hire, like such whom *Micah* cryed against, *Micah 3.* and seek for the fleece, and clothes with the wool, and feeds with the fat: such as *Ezekiel* cryed

1 Cor. 12.

Ephes. 4.

Mat. 10. 8.

1 Cor. 9.  
18.

Isa. 56. 11.

Mica. 3. 5.

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yed against; and if they can by their  
 means get great enough, then they bear  
 by their means, committing that filthy  
 and horrible thing in the Land, which Je-  
 miah cryed against. So that they are  
 paralel with the false Teachers, Priests,  
 and Prophets, in the time of the Jewish  
 apostacy; and paralel with the false  
 prophets, which Christ said should come,  
 and John said was come, who had the  
 Mar. 7.  
 eeps clothing, but inwardly ravening Chap. 24. 3  
 selves; by their fruits ye shall know them:  
 and these are in the same fruits both as  
 the Apostate Jews, and the Apostate  
 Christians were in the dayes of the A-  
 postles, as the Scriptures testifies, 2. Pet.  
 Rom. 16. 18. Philip. 3. 19. Mat. 23.  
 Jude 1. Mat. 10. 8. 2 Tim. 6. Tit. 1. 10,  
 1 Tim. 3. Tit. 1. 1 Pet. 5. 1 Cor.  
 Ephes. 5. Luke 12. 15. Col. 3. 1 Tim.  
 2 Tim. 3. which being read and com-  
 pared with the fruits of the Teachers  
 these times, they will run paralel;  
 and as justly prove them to be Decei-  
 ers, as the fruits of them that were A-  
 postarized in the Apostles dayes; and  
 the Prophets dayes, and Christs dayes;  
 as in the dayes of the Prophets, the  
 Apostates

Ezek. 34.

Jer. 5. 30.

31.

Mar. 7.

Chap. 24. 3

Mat. 10.8.

1 Cor. 9.18.

Apostates preacht for hire, and be  
 Rule by their means, and sought for the  
 gain from their quarters; so do these:  
 witness that gain of oppression, and pie  
 of Antichristianism; their taking  
 Tithes: Tithe Corn, Tithe Hay, Tithe  
 Cattel, Tithe Pigs, Tithe Apples, Tithe  
 Eggs, Hens, Milk and Wool, and many  
 other things in the Antichristianism, con  
 trary to Christ, who said, *Freely ye have  
 received, freely give.* And contrary to  
 the Apostle, who laboured with his hands  
 in the thing that was good; and would  
 not make the Gospel chargeable: and  
 take Tithes in the time of the Gospel  
 that Antichrists way, denied by the A  
 postle, who witnessed a change of the  
 Law, which made the Priests of the first  
 priesthood, under which the Tithes were  
 paid; and a change of the Priesthood  
 for the Priesthood being changed under  
 which the Tithes were paid, there is  
 necessity a change of the Law, Heb. 7. ne  
 ther do the Priests (if it were their right)  
 to have Tithes, and that they were call  
 led of God to the Office of the Priest  
 hood, which they have no right to, nor  
 are so called as Aaron was, order of  
 Tithes



Tithes aright, according to the Law which saith Thou shalt bring forth all the Tithes of thine increase, and lay up within thy gates; then the Levite shall come because he hath no part, nor Inheritance with thee, and the Stranger, and the Fatherless, and the Widow, which are within thy gates shall eat and be filled, Deut. 14. and in the first Priesthood the Priests were to offer the tenth of their Tithes unto the Lord, Num. 18. 26. and the Tithes were to be brought into the Store-house, else they robbed God, Mal. 3. 8, 9, 10. And in Nehemiah the tenth of the Tithes were to be carried into the house of God, Nehem. 10. (this was the Law of Tithes under the first Priesthood; but when Christ came he changed the Priesthood, and the Law also, Heb 7. 12.) So that if Tithes were to be paid these wrongs God, and abuses the Law: but Tithes were never a Gospel Ordinance, nor a Command to the Gentiles; but to the Jews onely under the Levitical Priesthood, which the Apostle witnessed changed, and the Law by which it was made. But the old Apostate the Pope Ordained them, in whose Apostacy the Protestant Priests  
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and Ministers yet remains ; denving the false Church in words, and practising the same things. Again these priests are paralel with the Apostate *Jews*, the Pharisees, and Scribes , who were in the dayes of Christ, *who walked in long robes, and were called of men Masters, and had the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the Assemblies; and the greeting in Markets ; lāying heavy burdens upon people, and in pretence made long prayers, and devoured widows houses (theſe ſhould receive the greater damnation)* and that theſe are ſuch, witneſs, their fruits declares it, and their preaching for hire, and Divining for money ; and their Tithes, and Eaſter reckonings ; and Miſſomer dues, and pence for ſmoke paſſing up the chimneys, and their Biſhopricks, their Parſonages , Vicarages, Glebe Lands, Augmentations, Mortuaries, Sacrament money, Money for ſigning Children with the ſign of the Croſs, or ſprinkling them which they call Baptiſm ; money for Churching of women ; money for Marrying ; and for ſpeaking Words over the dead, and ſeveral other inventions, for things which have all roſe up in the Apoſtacy

postacy, since the false prophets entred into the world, and ravened from the Spirit, and Life, into the Covetousness, and making merchandize of souls, speaking things which they ought not for filthy lucre's sake, and to satisfie their own covetous ends. Sometimes one company of Priests, and sometimes another making a prey upon the people, as the powers of the earth pleases to set them up. Well but some may say they can prove that *he that ministreth holy things, may live of the holy things: and he that serves at the Altar may eat of the Altar*, for the Law Ordained that. Likewise God hath Ordained that *they that preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel*. Yes thats very true: God hath so Ordained for his Ministers, who preach the Gospel, that they should live of it: *Freely ye have received, freely give; the workman is worthy of his meat: having food and raiment, be therewith content: and he sent them forth as Lambs among Wolves; and they lacked nothing, though they carried neither purse, nor scrip, nor money. So likewise, he that gathered a flock, and kept it, might drink of the milk of it: and he that planted a*

Mit. 10.

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*Vineyard might eat of the fruit of it ; what is this to such who have not the Gospel,*  
 Rom. 1. 16 *which is the power of God ; but are at*  
 2 Cor. 3. 6 *the best but Ministers of the Letter, and*  
*not called thereunto of God neither,*  
*but according to the way of the Pope,*  
*and false Church invented. So the same*  
*which invented the way to make Mini-*  
*sters at Schools, invented a way of*  
*maintenance, and hire ; and taking a-*  
*way peoples goods, and casting them*  
*into prisons and dungeons, if they re-*  
*fuse to pay them : and the many wayes,*  
*and devices the Priests have to get mo-*  
*ney to maintain themselves in pride,*  
*and idleness, and fulness of bread, were*  
*never owned in Gospel times ; but only*  
*by the Apostates : and the Apostates*  
*owned such wayes as the true Apostles*  
*cryed against as Idolatrous : and as for*  
*ministring holy things, we know they have*  
*none to minister ; for they are not Mini-*  
*sters of the Gospel, the power of God :*  
*for thats not committed to them: the Gift*  
*of God cannot be bought and sold for*  
*money, as they sell their preaching, for*  
 Acts 8. 20. *much a year ; in a way that was never*  
*once named to be owned in the true*  
 Church

Church; but is got up in the Apostacy, where the Apostate Priests get the good words of the Scripture, and reads a text of it; and bids people *hearken with fear and reverence to the holy word of God as they shall find written* in such a Chapter, and such a verse, (which it may be is but some place of Scripture that they can wrest to make it serve their own turns, according to the changing of the times) and reads it, gives his meaning to it, and interpretation upon it, & the meaning of *Chrysostome, Luther, Beza, Calvine, Austin,* and other Fathers if occasion be, and Orthodox men, what their judgement was upon it; and then tells with whose judgement he concurs, or agrees; and gives several reasons why it must mean so as he sayes; and it may be quotes a place or two of Scripture, and reads them in the litteral sense, thereby to prove that the other means otherwise then he speaks, and thus perverts the truth, and raises Tryals, and Arguments, and Motives, and Reasons to prove the meaning; and so comes to Doctrines, and uses, which he draws to so many heads, and points, and Conclusions; and then comes to Applications;

2 Tim. 3.  
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1 Pet. 1.  
20.

tions; and this they call preaching of the Gospel; when as they have not the Gospel; but only that which they have studied, and imagined; and got out of old books, and from old Authors, which they call some Heathen, and some Divine; and some Orthodox men: and when they have patcht up an hours talk; then they go and measure it out to the people by a glass on the first day of the week, for hire, gifts, and rewards, and would have people believe this is the Gospel, when as it is meer deceit, and delusion; all in the Apostacy, from the spirit, and is but one of the finest colours, and covers that Antichrist dresses his Ministers in, and the false Church sells her ware by. So these things are cryed up for Rare Orthodox, and Divine amongst the Apostates in the false Church who have never received the Gospel, the power of God, as the true Churches Ministers had; who declared

1 John 1. the message which they received of God, *That God is Light, and in him is no darkness at all; and that which was from the beginning which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have*  
looked

looked upon, & our hands have handled of the word of Life, declare we unto you. But the Priests may justly say, that which came in since the Apostacy; and which we have learned, and devised through our cunning, which we gained at School, and since; and that which we have studied, and imagined; and gathered out of the Scriptures, and out of old Authours writings, which we account Orthodox men, & that which we have got into our Note-books, and that which is likest to please men, and to suit with the times; and make for our advantage, that we may hold our Livings; and get our great gains, and Benefices; that declare we unto you: and this indeed is the very life, and mirrour of their Gospel, and preaching (as they call it) a company of Apostates erred from the Spirit, in *Balaams* way, like the Apostate *Jews*, and Apostate Christians, which the true Prophets, Christ and his Apostles declared against: And these Apostates keep a great stir, and cry, about these things they call Ordinances; like the Apostate *Jews*, who cryed up *Moses*; the Law; Worship at *Jerusalem*; and

2 Per. 2.  
Jude 1.  
Mat. 23.



John 4.

Acts 7. 48  
51.

Temple of the Lord, and Sacrifices, and Offerings, and the Traditions of their Ancestors, and Fore-fathers, which the true Prophets, Christ and his Apostles cryed against, *He that sacrifices a Lamb as if he slew a man: and burnt Incense, and offered Oblations, as if he cut off a dogs neck.* And Christ denied their Worship at Jerusalem, and said not at Jerusalem, nor at Samaria: nor at the Mountain where Jacobs Well was; for the true Worshippers shall worship the Father in the Spirit, and in the Truth: And the Apostles witnessed that *God that made the World dwelt not in Temples made with hands.* And Stephen a man full of the holy Ghost, denied the Temple, and Temple-worshippers, and cryers up of Ordinances who resisted the Spirit; as they did so did their Fathers, *alwayes resist the holy Ghost:* So the Apostacy was going from the holy Ghost, and resisting the holy Ghost; which when they had done, then though they cryed up Ordinances, Law, Scriptures, Temple-worship, Prayers and Singings, yet they were nevertheless of the Devil; as Christ told them *Ye are of your Father the Devil,*  
and

and his works ye will do: Then about their Religion, Worship and Sacrifices, Temple, and Prayers, they rose up in envy, and crucified the Just, and stoned Stephen to death, Cain-like, who slew his Brother, because his Brother was accepted in his Religion, but he was not; therefore he slew him: and though the false Prophets and Priests got them Instruments of Musick, like David, yet were they reprov'd by them who were not Apostatized from the Spirit; but dwelt in it: And Christ told them who made long prayers, they should receive the greater damnation. And the false Prophets, false Teachers, who rose up in the beginning of the Christian Apostacy in the Apostles day; they could cry up Ordinances, and transform into Ministers of Christ, and of righteousness, and speak good words and fair speeches, to deceive with, and that for their lucre sake; and could come in a voluntary humility, and worshipping of Angels; and intruding into those things which they have not seen, being vainly puffed up in their fleshly minds, and not holding the head, from which all the Body being

John 8.44

Amos 6.5

Mat. 23.

Rom. 6.18

Col. 2.

being knit together, increaseth with the increase of God. So when they were gone from this, they went into the crying up of observation of dayes, and times, and elementary things; all which the Apostle denied, and witnessed against, and bad them *touch not, taste not, handle not, all which shall perish with the using, after the commandments and Doctrines of men:* and he was afraid of them who observed such things; for they neglected the Body, and were subject to Ordinances, according to the Rudiments of the World; which things indeed have a shew of wisdom in them in will-worship and humility, as if they were not in honour to the satisfying of the flesh. And the Pope that old Apostate, and the false Church, they cry up Ordinances, according to their own Invention, and Tradition, and Imagination from the Scripture, all which things are abomination, while they are erred from the Life, and Spirit, and Gift of God. And the protestant priests so called, and teachers, and professors, cryes up Ordinances, and Dayes, and Elementary things, *all which must perish with the using; and sacraments,*

a popish Name ; sacrament, never read on in the Scripture of the Prophets, Christ and his Apostles. And the false Church cryes up Sacraments, and invents Sacraments, amongst the papists ; amongst the protestants, and ordinances as they call them ; and the popish Sacrament, *the popish consecrated bread*, that must have *the reall presence in it, after consecration* ; and the very real, substantial, and as they say Natural body and blood of Christ, as he took it of the Virgin Mary ; as their damnable delusions teacheth. And he that will not believe their damnable Heresies, and Delusions, he must be killed ; the Whore will drink his blood, if Her power can but reach him. And the protestant priests, and teachers ; and professors, they call the same kind, or a kind of material bread and Wine, Sacrament, and Supper of the Lord, and Communion ; and cryes it up divers wayes, and in the Truth of the matter cryes but themselves up, through crying up these things ; for people must look upon them to be Ministers of them. And some will give this Bread and Wine to the people, *kneeling before*  
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the Altar ; and all must have it, or be excommunicated. And some will give it in other places, and in other manners. And some will have it for a Supper ; some after Supper ; some gives it before Dinner ; and some will have a Pascal Lamb, and sup. in an Upper Room ; and then get their Bread and Wine in imitation of Christ ; and some will give it to none but their Members of their Congregations ; and some to all ; but all promises themselves some great thing or other through it ; when as alas, Bread is but Bread, and Wine is but Wine ; and the same in one place as in another ; and in one mans hand as in another ; And to be received with thanks giving of them that believe, and obey the Truth. But all these things, and wayes, these Apostates would make God, and Christ, the Authour of ; who never commanded such a thing as Sacraments, as we can find in Scripture ; though Christ the same night that he was betrayed took Bread and brake it, and gave it unto them, saying, this is my Body which is given for you ; this do in remembrance of me. And he took the Cup, and blest it ; and gave it to his Disciples, saying, take this, divide it amongst

Mar. 26.  
Mark 14  
Luke 22.

mongst your selves ; it is the Testament of my Blood, that is shed for you ; or for many for the Remission of Sins ; and this he did shewing forth his Death unto them ; as through a figure, and shewed his coming to them again, that they might eat him, and live by him ; and eating his Flesh, and drinking his Blood might have Eternal Life, and never dye. And that which he gave them to shew forth his Death, he never commanded them to give it to any other people ; but as often as ye do it, &c. He did not set them to wrangle about it, and about the way of giving it, and receiving it, and to whom, as the Apostates are on heaps about these things, which they have no foundation for from Christ ; For Christ never commanded his Disciples to give it to others ; But as often as ye do it, do it in remembrance of me, which they could justly do ; for they had known him, and been conversant with him, which another cannot do, which never knew him ; and they who were at the first Institution (of that which the World cries up as a high Sacrament, and Soul-refreshing Ordinance, though the Soul be immortal, and cannot be refreshed but

John 6.  
48, &c.

Luke 22.  
19.

but with that which is immortal) never mentioned it, that it should be so prae-  
 tized as it is, over Nations, for money,  
 or at all. But *John* said, *He that hath*  
 1 John 5. *Christ, hath Life. He that hath not Christ,*  
 12. *hath not Life.* And *Christ* saies, *He*  
 John 3. *that believes in me hath Eternal Life, and*  
 36. *shall never dye.* So the promise of Eter-  
 nal Life, lies not in any outward works  
 of mens hands, and outward Created  
 things, but in *Christ*: And know you not  
 that *Christ* is in you, except you are Repro-  
 2 Cor. 13. bates; and if *Christ* be in you, the body is dead  
 5. because of Sin; but the Spirit is life. And  
 Rom. 8. 10 when *Christ* is come the figure ceases,  
 which sheweth forth his coming, and his  
 death untill he came; Of which the A-  
 postle *Paul* speaks to them of *Corinth*, 1  
 Cor. 11. yet witnest that *If they eat, and*  
*drank unworthily, not discerning the Lords*  
*Body* (mark not discerning the Lords Bo-  
 dy clearly proves it may be done, and the  
 Lords Body not discerned) *they eat and*  
*drink their own Damnation*; which some  
 did, being drunken, others being hun-  
 gry, and not discerning the Lords Body,  
 the Body of Truth, but in unworthiness;  
*For this cause many were weak, and sickly,*  
*and many slept.* For then they knew not  
 Christ



Christ to be come. But the Apostle witnessed a further State, and attainment, then that wherein men can abuse themselves; when he said, *I speak as to Wise men, judge ye what I say. The Cup of blessing which we blesse is it not the Communion of the blood of Christ? The Bread which we break is it not the Communion of the Body of Christ?* For we being many are one bread: mark are one bread; and one Body, for we are all partakers of that one bread. Then that saying is fulfilled; *He that eateth me, shall live by me; I in you, and you in me; that they may be all perfect in one; as thou Father, and I are one.* And here is the unity beyond all the Apostates Bread, and Wine, Sacraments, Ordinances, or Communion, or whatever they call it; where there is no partaking of the Table of Devils; or drinking of the Cup of Devils; But of the Lords Cup of Salvation, which over-floweth unto us; and eating at his Table which he hath prepared, and richly deckt with a Feast of Fat things; and Wine on the lees, well refined; as he promised. So we stand out of the Apostacy, and Ordinances of men, and such observations of Dayes, Meats, and Drinks, which

1 Cor. 10.  
16, 17.

John 8.  
John 17.  
23.

Psal. 116.  
3. & 23. 5.

Isa. 24. 6.

Rom. 6. 3.  
1 Cor. 12.  
13.  
Col. 2.

which came up in the Apostacy ; and are held up in the false Church, for filthy Lucre : But we observe the Apostles Doctrine, who bids *touch not, tast not, handle not, &c.* Col. 2. minding that *whatsoever we eat or drink, all may be to the praise and glory of God.* Again, the Apostate Priests, Teachers, and Professors; and the false Church holds up a Sacrament, Sprinkling, or Signing Infants with the Sign of the Crosse; calling it Baptism, and sets it up in stead of *the Spirits Baptism, by one Spirit into one body* : which who comes to be Baptized by the one Spirit into Christs Life ; *then they put on Christ* ; the body of Truth which the Apostates neglected; and did not hold fast the head, when they first drew into Rudiments, and Carnal Ordinances and Observations, &c. And in confusion, and heaps is the World about these things, the works of their own hands, Sacraments. Some crying its a Sealing Ordinance ; and these will do it to all Infants, for Lucres sake ; Saying it makes them Heirs of the Kingdom, and of Eternal Life. And in this Sacrament their falsely called God-fathers, and

and God-mothers, must promise and vow for them, that which neither they themselves, nor they for whom they promise and vow, can ever do; and so breaks promise, and vow before God, and Man, by entring into it, according to the invention of the false Church, and Deceivers, who are erred from the Life of God; and under his wrath, and condemnation; and thinks to please God, by doing these things, which he never required. Other cryes its onely believers Infants that has right to it. Others sayes all. Others sayes its believers only, and their Infants. And some will have them signed at the Font with the Sign of the Crosse, the Popes Mark; Others Sprinkled; Others Plunged; Others going down into the Water; Others Dipt: And thus all the World are on heaps about the works of their own hands, and Inventions, being erred from the Spirit, and Scripture both; doing that which they have no Scripture for, which if they had as much Scripture for their practises, as the *Jews* had for theirs; as justly might they be cryed against as the *Jews* were, who were Apostatized from

2 Tim. 3.  
16, 17.

from the Life of God ; and resisted the Spirit of Grace ; though they cryed up Law, *Moses*, Scriptures, Worship, Temple, Prayers, Singing, Sacrifices, and Offerings as *Moses* Commanded in the Law ; and the Observations of Dayes, Ordinances, New Moons, and Sabbaths, and Solemn Feasts. Yet in all these things they were denied, and cryed against by the True Prophets, though they had Scripture for what they did ; yet that would not give them acceptance with God, they being apostarized from the Life, and Spirit of God which gave forth the Scripture. No more will all that these called Christians, Papists, Protestants, and all Sects, and Formes do give them acceptance, while they erre from the Life, and are Apostarized from the Spirit, though they pretend never so much Scripture for what they do, who though they profess Scripture, will all plead to live in Sin, so long as they live here ; contrary to the Life, and to the End, for which the Scripture was given forth ; which was for the perfecting of the Man of God, and throughly furnishing him in every good work. And now all  
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all your prayers, publick, and private; Steeple-house, and private-house; common prayers, and private prayers; none of these shall you be accepted in, while you are erred from the Life. And your singing, and Organs, and Singing-men, and boyes, and your Psalmes mixt with meter, and a Clark to set them into tune; and your Songs, and Hymnes so called; which if you could make your Instruments like *David*, to sing them with, all should not give you acceptance with God; while you are Apostatized from the Spirit, and Life, which gave *David* his Psalms, Prayers, and Praises, and thanksgiving, and rejoycings; in which Spirit Christ sang, and the Apostles sang with the Spirit, and with understanding, which dwelt in *David*, and in the Saints, who were *to Sing and to admonish one another, in Psalmes, and Hymnes, and Spiritual Songs, Singing and making Melody unto the Lord, with grace in their hearts.* And this they did by that which turned the Songs of the Temple into howling; and into the same it will turn yours, who are Apostatized from the Life, and erred from the Spirit;

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doing that which ye do for filthy Lucre sake. And now all your wayes, who are erred from the Spirit, with the Spirit is Comprahended, and Judged. All your preaching for hire, and divining for money, and fleece, and Wool, and fat; and great Benefices, and Tithes, and all your gains every way, and your preachings, and singings and praying, and Sacraments, and your whole Worship, and Wrestings of Scriptures for your own ends; and all your Diversities of Names, & Idolatrous Cloathings, and Idolatrous Houses, and all your whole rabble in the Apostacy, is all comprahended and Judged by the Eternall Spirit; and must go into the *Pit*, out of which it came in the Apostacy when men ravened from the Spirit and Life, into such practises as is before mentioned, which were done in the *Jewish* Apostacy, and in the Christian Apostacy; and which you continue in, unto this day; being judged by the Life, and Eternall Spirit, which you are all ravened from, and gone in the wayes of *Balaam*, for gifts, & rewards, in the wayes of the false Prophets; false Priests, and Ministers,

nisters, and Teachers for Hire, and Gifts, and Rewards, and Money, and Gain from their Quarters, and Wool, and Fleece, and Fat, and Great Livings, and Benefices, *Admiring mens persons*, who can benefit you in these things that you greedy after, crying them up *while they can put into your mouths*; and preaches and prayes for them, and swears (in the transgression, contrary to Christs Command, and the Apostles Doctrine, *Mat. 5. 34. Jam. 5. 12.*) for them so long as they are in Authority, to satisfie your ends; but if not, then changes as the times, and powers; as lately thousands of you have been made manifest by your fruits, to your utter Confusion, who are gone into the *Respecting, and Honouring, and Admiring mens persons, because of Advantage. Separating your selves, sensual; having not the spirit; And setting up your changable Religions, Faith, Worship, and Doctrines, Sacraments, Prayers, Singings*; all according to your own Inventions, and Imaginations, of the Scripture; and then *Cain* like all that will not conform, persecute him, kill him. Here is *Cains* way, *Beasts* way, *Whores* way, false



Churches way, compel all to bow, and bear the mark of your profession, Worship and Doctrine, and bow to it; else he must not live, nor buy, nor sell in peace. Here is Antichrist, false Church, Devil, Messenger of Satan transforming; and then when the thing is transformed, compell all to bow and Worship, else *Cains* way, kill him for his Religion, though he be accepted in it of God. This is the Way of the Apostate *Jews*, of the Apostate Christians; and of both Papists, and Protestants, killing one another about Religion, and Worship, Sacraments, and Ordinances, which they have set up in the Apostacy; all being out of the sound Doctrine, and the love to enemies; which can do good to Enemies; and win their souls, with love and gentleness, and good works, which the soul delights in, and pray for them that persecutes, and hate, and despitefully use them; feed them when they are hungry, and clothe them when naked; and give them drink when thirsty: and this wins souls; and is according to his mind, who causeth the Sun to shine upon the just, and the unjust: and the rain to fall upon

Mat. 5.

upon the Just, and upon the unjust; whereby he watereth the earth, that it may yield sustenance for all his enemies, as well as his friends; for he waiteth to be gracious to all: but the Whore, the false Church, who drinks the blood of Saints, and Martyrs of Jesus, will have all murdered, who will not conform; if they can be brought under her power; but there's nothing that can make the Conscience conform, but the power of God; the spiritual Weapon, which the false Church hath not; who by her compelling makes the outward man bow, who is afraid of his life, and estate, and rather then he will lose it, will become an hypocrite, and conform, contrary to his Conscience.

If the *Jewes* queries, why we do not observe those things which they have Scripture for, and are commanded to observe, I give them this answer, because the visitation of God, reacht not to us in those things, but through the Spirit of Grace, which God poured upon us in the Day-spring from on high; by which he hath given us light, and knowledge; and commanded us to hearken

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to his voyce, to obey it ; and we obey him : but not your Laws, nor observations, which through Grace we are freed from ; and sees you to be all Apostatized both from them and the Life.

If the Christians so called, ask us why we do not observe those things in their Worship, which they have Scripture for: I give them this answer, Because we have not therein received Christ ; nor in the Scriptures neither, which you pretend to have for them ; which you get into the same mind, with which you commit your errors, both in Life and Doctrines ; but through Faith in the Light, which enlighteneth every one that cometh into the World, which hath brought us to that Kingdom ; which comes not by Observations ; but by the obedience of Faith in Christ Jesus ; through which we witness the fulfilling of the Scriptures, which ye transgress ; and do own them ; which you in your works deny, and in your lives and practises are Apostatized from, who would bring us to the observation of those things, which you your selves can never be accepted in ; being ravished from the Spirit ; clothing your selves with

with the sheeps cloathing, the Scriptures, the Saints words, while you are Apostatized from their life; which we obey; doing all things that are commanded and required of us by God. Yet *in the way that ye call Heresie, do we worship the God of our Fathers, speaking and doing no other thing but according to the Law and the Prophets, and Christs and the Apostles Life and Doctrine.*

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**T H E E N D.**

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This Paper was given  
forth by E. B. about  
the Year, 1659.

**A** Great Cry in the  
World hath been by  
many People, of all Sorts ;  
As for the Quakers they  
will soon fall and come to no-  
thing ; They will stand but  
for a while, as other Sects  
have done before them ; For  
many Sects that have made  
a great stir for a time, they  
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have come to nought, and so  
 will these, they will fall and  
 come to nought, in a Year  
 or two, or the like, and they  
 will forsake this Way ; And  
 this noise and stir about  
 them, will come to an End,  
 and they will have a fall ;  
 And thus, and after this  
 manner, doth the People  
 of the world, cry and say  
 one to another:

To this I Answer. O ye Fools  
 and Blind, that thus doth Judge  
 and say ; Ye are Ignorant, and  
 a Sottish Children, and knows  
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not the Way of the Lord, nor his Judgements; Neither do ye know His Secrets, nor have Entred into His Counsel; who told you thus, or by what Spirit have you received it? And do ye not speak as ye would have it? and because you would have it so, do ye not therefore speak it? Ye Fools, and Blind, whose Hearts are hardened, I tell you, nay, your words shall never come to pass, But you and all our Enemies shall be found Lyers; And as you say of others, so shall it come to pass upon your Selves; and that which you desire for others, it shall fall upon your own heads; Again, I tell you, nay, we shall not fall nor be Decreased, nor come to nought, but the Truth shall stand for ever, and we shall be increa-

fed through the *World*, and shall be the Renowned People of the whole Earth, for we are of them whom the Lord is gathering from off the Barren Mountains, and out of the Mouths of all dumb Shepherds, whom the Lord will feed and keep, as the Sheep of his own Pasture; over whom the Seed of *David*, Christ the Heir of Heaven and Earth is Chief Shephard; and He is set over us, and He Rules in Equity and Righteousnesse. And them we are spoken of, *Ezekiel 34.* which are the *Sheep of Gods Pasture*, and the Lord hath sought us out even as a Shephard his Sheep, and we shall not fall as ye suppose; and we are them spoken of in the Revelations, whom the Lord is bringing through Great Tribulations,

*bulations*, and making us white  
in the *Blood of the Lamb*, and  
Redeeming us through His  
Sufferings; And We are of  
that Numberlesse Number spo-  
ken of, which shall stand with  
the *Lamb* upon *Mount Sion*, for  
we are of the Seed which is  
coming up out of *Ægypt*,  
and shall Replenish the whole  
Earth; And ye Fools, and blind  
will be deceived, and the Ima-  
ginations of your Hearts will  
come to nothing, and its you  
that will fail, and come to no-  
thing, and not we, whom the  
Lord is bringing up out of the  
Apostacy, which you all are in,  
and all Nations are in since the  
dayes of the Apostles; And we  
are not any of all those Sects,  
and False Churches, that hath  
been on foot for many Ages;  
For its true, they have Risen

and Fallen, come Up and gone Down, one after another, and made a stir, and a noise, for a while, and then withered and come to nought, and dyed away of themselves; And this is because their Foundation hath not been Christ the Rock of Ages, nor none of them have been his True Church, His Spouse Elected to him; for if they had, they could not have been prevailed against, nor Fallen as they have done, nor they have not been the True Church, which is the Ground and Pillar of Truth; For they have withered and come to nothing, and Risen and Fallen one after another, in a few Years time, and they could not stand long any of them, but must needs Wither and be Confounded, and one Consume

Consume another, and be eaten up one of another; For they have Risen out of the Pit that hath had no bottom, and into that have they, and must they all Sink down again, and they have caused the World to wonder after them for a little Season, but being not upon the Foundation, they could not remain; For they have all come out of the Pit, and goes into Perdition, and have Risen one out of another, and been Destroyed one of another; And though some of them have made War one with another, and some of them hated the Whore, yet have they given their Power to the Beast, and the Beast Rose out of the Pit which had no bottom, without Foundation, and the Beast and all these Sects that have given their Pow-

er to him, goes into Perdition with him, and it is not possible that they should Remain long, but Fall and come to nothing, because Christ hath not been their Foundation; But as I have said, We are not any of all these, that gives their Power to the Beast, but are of them that stands with the Lambe upon Mount *Sion*, that are Redeemed unto God out of every Sect, and out of Kindreds and Multitudes; And we are of them that have overcome the Beast, and his Image, and the Number of his Name, who are them *that follows the Lamb whether-soever he goes*, who cannot be Overcome, nor Fall, Because, *Greater is he that is in us, Then he that is in the World*, and he Overcomes the World, and He is our ROCK and Foundation,

on, and wee cannot be moved;  
 But He keepeth us, and we may  
 not Fall, nor come to nought,  
 as our Enemies do falsely sup-  
 pose, and speaks as they would  
 have it; But let them be at  
 Rest, for wee shall grow and  
 spring, and be increased into  
 a numberlesse number, *which*  
*shall stand upon the Sea of Glass,*  
*with the Harps of God in our*  
*hands, Singing Praises and Glory*  
*to the Lord God for ever more;*  
 What though the Woman hath  
 been fled into the Wildernesse,  
 and We, Her Seed made War  
 against and slain; And what  
 though wee be accounted as  
*sheep for the slaughter, and killed*  
*all the day long;* And what  
 though Some that are Convin-  
 ced, and come to the Faith of  
 Christ in measure, What though  
 Some such do turn from the  
 Truth,



Truth, into the Evil World a-  
 gain, and deny the Lord and  
 his People, and their latter end  
 be worse then their beginning,  
 and the unclean Spirit possesse  
 them Seven-fold more then at  
 the first; And what though the  
 Evil Eye do see this, and the  
 Wicked do herein Rejoyce, and  
 take occasion from such things,  
 to say *They will Fall, they will  
 Fall*, and People turns from  
 them again; O ye Fools, and  
 blind, notwithstanding all this,  
 Truth shall Prosper, and Such  
 as are Faithfull shall never be  
 ashamed, nor never be ashamed,  
 nor never Fall; But the Lord  
 will overcome, and the Woman  
 shall Return, and shall Receive  
 Her Seed to life again, which  
 shall be as the Stars, for mul-  
 titude, and your Desires and  
 Conceivings shall be Confound-  
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ded; And what though you say  
 they cannot stand long; for the  
 Powers of the Earth, and all the  
 Rulers are against them, and Par-  
 liaments they will make Laws to  
 suppress them; Nay ye Fools and  
 blind, all this will not prevail,  
 For the Lord has broken, and  
 will break all that shall oppose  
 his Kingdom, which he is set-  
 ting up amongst us, of whose  
 Government and Dominion  
 there shall be no End, nor no  
 Falling; But it shall be increa-  
 sed for Ever and Ever, and Pow-  
 ers nor Dominions of the Earth,  
 shall not Prevail, But all that  
 which they do against us, turn-  
 eth to our Increase, and their  
 own Overthrow and Confusion,  
 while they think to suppress  
 us; And all what they can do,  
 and what you may suppose, it  
 is all nothing, and will come  
 to

to nothing, For the Lord hath  
 Spoken it; his Seed shall grow,  
 and his People shall Replenish  
 the Nations, and in time it will  
 be manifest Whose We are,  
 and how We shall be Increas-  
 ed; And in the mean time, We  
 bear all things in Patience,  
 knowing assuredly that the Lord  
 is with us, and that none upon  
 the Earth may Prevail against  
 us; And this shall all our Ene-  
 mies know in the Lords Season.



THE END.

